

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Keil Administration Building
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street
Decatur, IL 62523

April 22, 2025
5:00 PM Open Session
Closed Session Immediately Following
6:30 PM Open Session Reconvened

Legend: AI = Action Item DI = Discussion Item IO = Information Only

Strategic Plan Mission:

The mission of Decatur Public Schools, the destination district of our community, is to unlock students' unique and limitless potential to achieve their personal aspirations as fully prepared, contributing citizens in a global society through learning experiences distinguished by:

- *commitment to the whole person resulting in student growth and confidence*
- *relevant, innovative, personalized academic pathways that promote passion and pride*
- *a learning environment that fosters curiosity and the thirst for achievement and discovery*
- *a culture of diversity, adaptability, and resilience*
- *meaningful and lasting relationships*
- *extraordinary school and community connections*

The Board of Education Parameters that Guide Our Work:

- We will make decisions in the best interest of all students.
- We will treat all people with dignity and respect.
- We will seek input and collaboration throughout our diverse community.
- We will practice responsible stewardship of all our resources.

AI 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Executive Session to discuss the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, imminent (settlement) litigation, the compensation of specific employees of the public body and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees.

Roll Call

IO 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AI 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA APRIL 22, 2025

IO 4.0 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- Eisenhower High School
- Social Emotional Learning Academy (SELA)

- Recognition of the Current Board of Education

IO 5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Identify oneself and be brief.
- Comments should be limited to 3 minutes.
- Any public comments submitted to the Board Secretary will be included in the record.

DI 6.0 JUNIOR BOARD MEMBER’S REPORT

BOARD DISCUSSION

IO 7.0 REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

- A. Human Resources Recruitment Update
- B. International Teacher Cultural Exchange Program

AI 8.0 CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Open/Closed Meetings April 08, 2025
- B. Financial Conditions Report
- C. Treasurer’s Report

AI 9.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

- A. Personnel Action Items
- B. International Teacher Cultural Exchange Program Agreement with Peoria District 150 for 2025-2026 School Year
- C. iPad Purchase for Stephen Decatur Middle School
- D. Teacher MacBook Refresh
- E. Hope Academy Carpet Replacement Bid
- F. Renewal of Audit Services
- G. Aramark (ARA) Food Service Contract Renewal for 2025-2026
- H. Purchase of a New Maintenance Vehicle
- I. One-Year Contract Renewal for Alltown Bus Company
- J. Intergovernmental Agreement for Futures Unlimited and Milligan Academy between the Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education 39 and Decatur Public School District 61 for the 2025-2026 School Year

IO 10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Education and Administration sends condolences to the family of:

Noah “Noey” Michael Edwards, who passed away Thursday, April 10, 2025. Little Noah was an excellent kindergarten student at Franklin Grove Elementary School.

IO 11.0 IMPORTANT DATES

- April** 23 District-wide Half Day of School for ALL Students
 - **Please call your home school for details, if needed**
- 26 MacArthur High School 2024-2025 School Year Prom
 - The Decatur Club from 7:00PM to 10:00PM

- May** 03 Eisenhower High School 2024-2025 School Year Prom
– The Decatur Club from 7:00PM to 10:00PM
07 Board of Education Sine Die and Reorganization Meetings
– 5:15 PM, Keil Administration Building
07 2025 DPS Retirement Celebration
– The Decatur Club, Doors Open at 5:00 PM, Program Starts at 6:00 PM
17 **MHS** Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony
– 11:00 AM, **MHS** Gymnasium (Overflow in Auditorium)
17 **EHS** Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony
– 2:30 PM, **EHS** Gymnasium
22 Last Day of School (student attendance) for 2024-2025 School Year

NEXT MEETING

The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the Keil Administration Building.

AI 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Eisenhower High School Home of the Panthers

2024-2025
Panther Nation Highlights

‘Growing Friendships, Shaping Futures’

Panther Pride

- Wrestling State qualifier.
- Basketball had a winning season.
- EHS Softball won against MHS this week!
- 2 students participated in the 1st Decatur Area Poetry compilation and are now published authors.
- Student competed in the Poetry Out loud Regionals competition in Springfield.
- 3 students from Band/Orchestra performed at the ILMEA All state Band and Orchestra
- Cinderella Project re-opened for community wide support for students in need of Prom dresses.
- Annual Pi-Day celebration
- Our Scholastic bowl team had several wins and placements this year including Third overall in the league.
- Staff, led by our Sunshine committee, has had a great time participating in 'underground' dress up days and potlucks.
- Our adult SEL team hosted a get together at a local park where the staff gathered to play pickleball, walk, and enjoy conversation in a non-academic setting.
- Junior students got to attend the CATERPILLAR Career Pathway tour
- Our annual Art Exhibition for Black History Month allowed many students to sell their art work and be commissioned.
- Student Team attended Academic Challenge for Engineering & Science Regional Competition.
- Holiday Toy drive with donations going to Webster Cantrell
- EHS students have achieved over 27 industry certifications with more in the process of being completed during this term.
- PawPalooza is this Friday which is put on by our Life Skills program and has grown to include several surrounding schools this year.

2025

GOLD LETTERS FOR SENIORS

SENIOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

JOIN US IN OUR 2ND ANNUAL TRADITION AT EHS TO CELEBRATE YOUR GRADUATE. LET YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS JOIN IN ON THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR SENIOR BY HAVING THEM SEND A HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS!

WE WILL COLLECT AND HOLD ONTO ALL OF THESE SPECIAL NOTES, HANDING THEM OUT DURING GRADUATION PRACTICE IN MAY. EVERY STUDENT WILL GET A BIG ENVELOPE FILLED WITH THESE MESSAGES FROM ALL OF THEIR LOVED ONES, FRIENDS, TEACHERS, AND MORE.

Please keep in mind that we are collecting for over 100 students.

- Send letters/cards only (no larger than 8.5 x11)
- Do not send anything of value to the school (cash/checks/gift cards)
- If sending several envelopes in a larger envelope, please put students FULL name on all envelopes.
- Keep letters/cards flat.

SEND TO:

STUDENTS FULL NAME
EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
GOLD LETTER ENVELOPES
1200 S. 16TH STREET
DECATUR, IL 62521

LETTERS DUE
TO SCHOOL
BY APRIL 30

Don't
forget to
send your
Gold
Letters for
Seniors by
April 30,
2025!


EHS Theatre and Drama



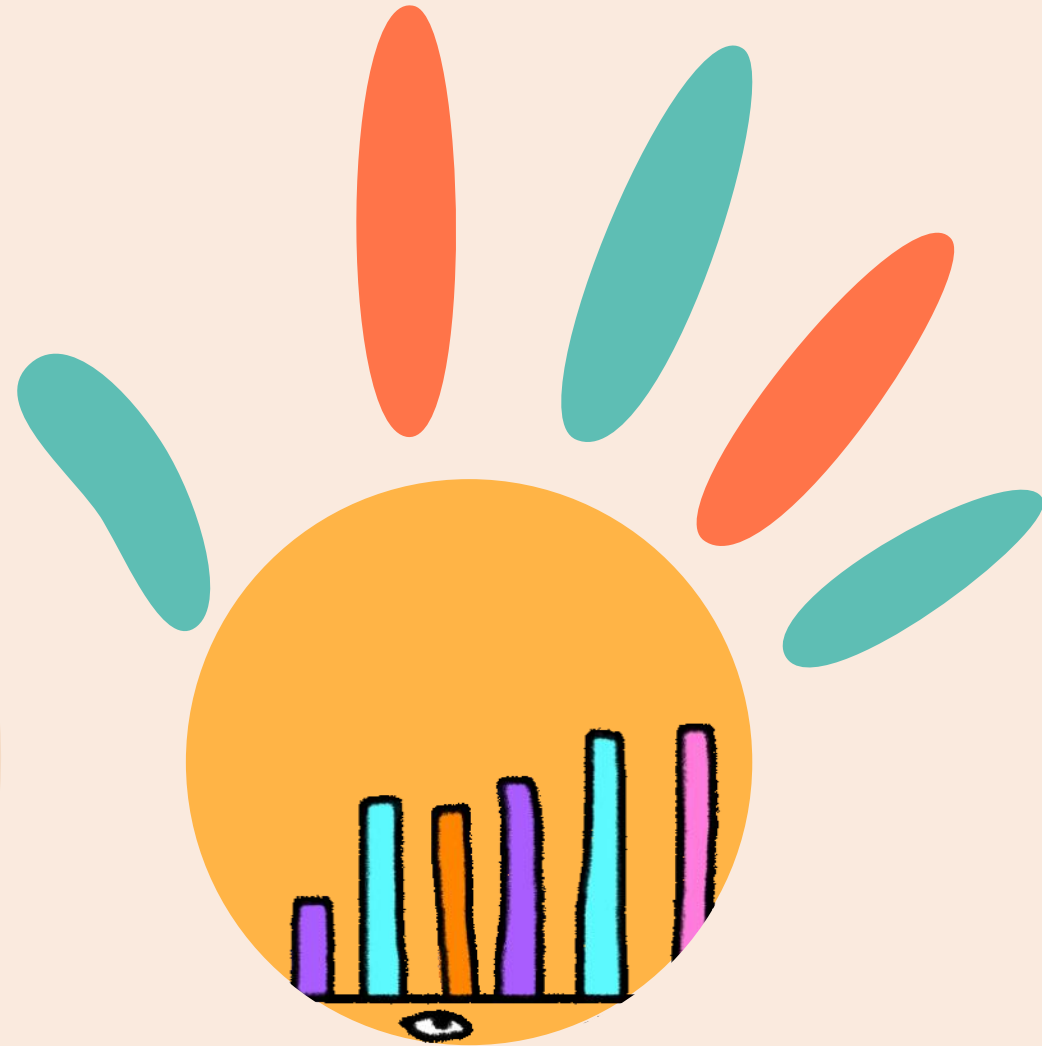
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LEARNING ACADEMY

Board of Education Meeting April 22, 2025



**Our SELA
motto is**
Data or it didn't
happen.





Highlights

- YTD attendance average at the K-6 grade level is 90%
- When comparing the same time frames of the 23-24 SY to the 24-25 SY and same way of tracking data
 - Student **Time outs** have **decreased** by **70%**
 - Student **Restraints** have **decreased** by **89%**
 - Student **time out of the classroom** has **decreased by 55%**
- It is projected pending licensing of a few new staff members, **SELA will have ALL certified staff positions filled** for the 25-26 school year and will be at physical space capacity.

95% Group RAP Implementation & Student Growth

26 hours of training + mentorship

5 staff members completed 20 hours of self-paced training and 6 hours of live instruction, followed by multiple video lessons & mentorship sessions

Significant student growth

Year two of implementation
and we



are growing
readers!

Structured & Skill-Based

Focus on targeted
intervention skills in
the areas of Phonics,
Phonemic Awareness,
Fluency, & Spelling

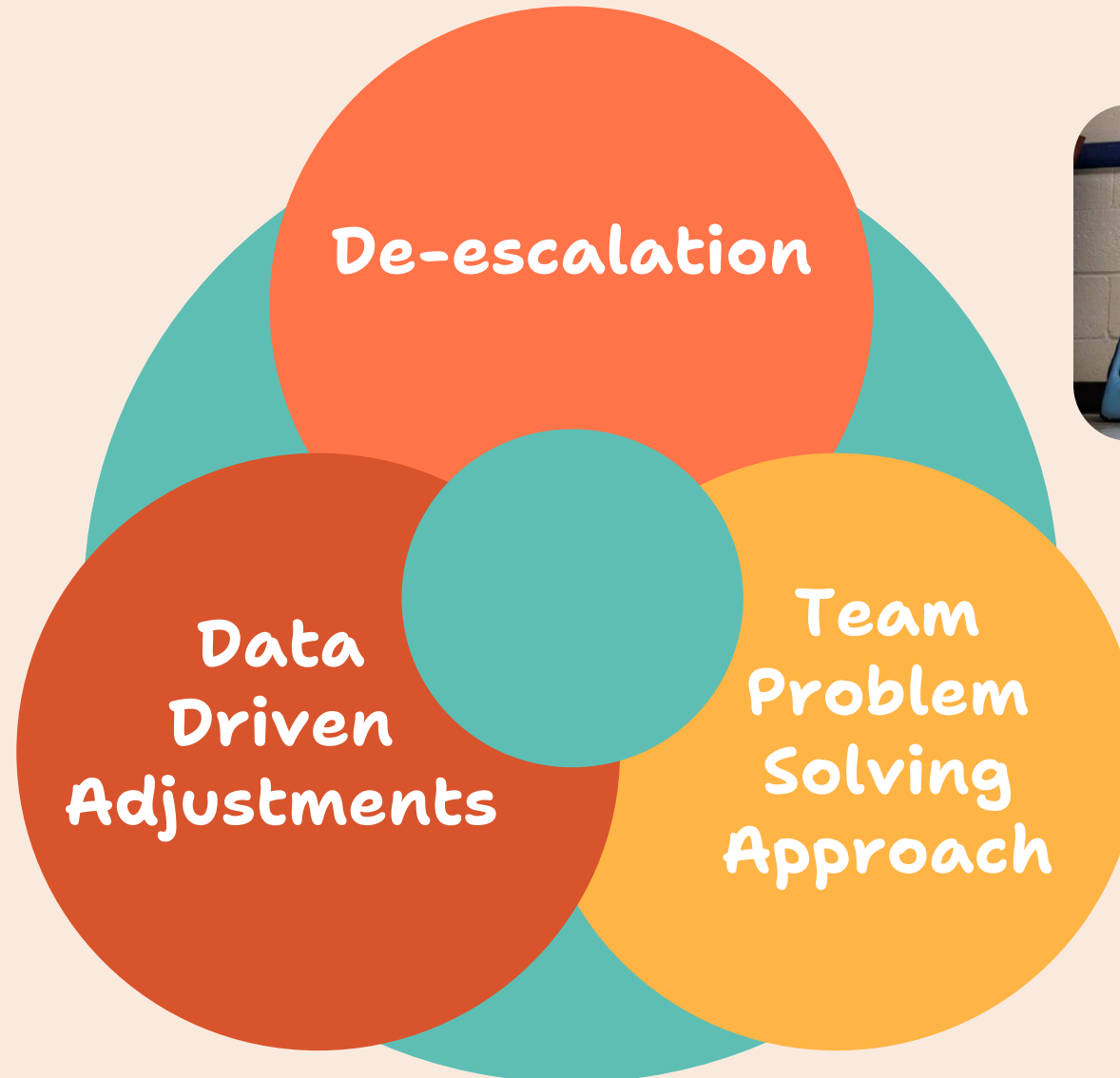
Wrap Around SEL Support

Crisis Prevention
Intervention Training

Ukeru Training and
Implementation

Social Worker
Intervention Supports

Daily data collected in
all classrooms is used
to monitor individual
growth for students in
multiple need areas.



Monthly Problem
solving team meetings
to support
individualized plan
adjustments

Community Outings





Hands On



Authentic Learning Opportunities



School Shopping



Mock Election



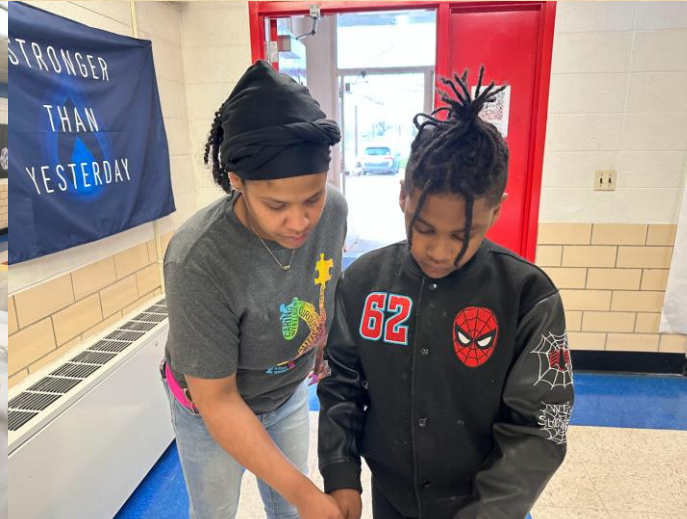
High School



Northeast-
Heartland Tech
Coffee Lab

Buddies Mentorship Program



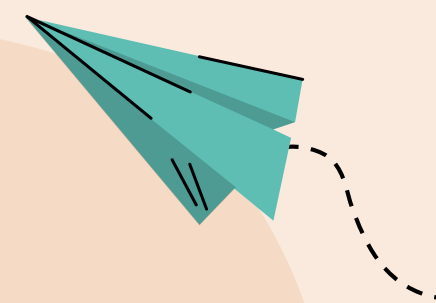




Staff Testimonial

When I decided to return to the classroom from ISU, I knew exactly where I wanted to teach and who I wanted to work for. SELA is an incredible place where the community makes the work manageable. We work together as a team to problem solve, re-evaluate situations, and re-invent ideas to support our students.





Staff Sauces

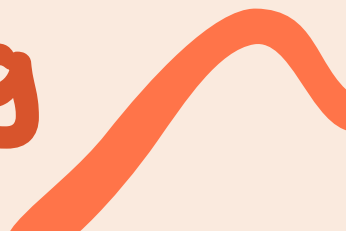
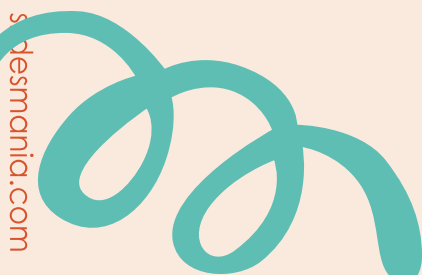
Holiday Cheer



Dress Up Days



Staff Community Building





Feel free to come
for a visit anytime!

Thank you for the opportunity
to share about the amazing
things that are happening in our
building!



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LEARNING ACADEMY



**DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: April 08, 2025

4:30 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street
Decatur, IL 62523

PRESENT: Bill Clevenger, President
Mark Reynolds
Will Wetzel

Alana Banks (arrived 5:12 PM)
Al Scheider

ABSENT: Kevin Collins, Jason Dion

STAFF: Superintendent Dr. Rochelle Clark, Board Secretary Melissa Bradford, Attorney Luke Feeney and others

President Clevenger called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call for Closed Executive Session	President Clevenger called the meeting to order and moved into Closed Executive Session to conduct student discipline hearings, an employee discipline hearing, discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Mr. Wetzel.	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:30 PM.
	President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Reynolds, Scheider, Wetzel, Clevenger Nay: None Absent: Banks (arrived 5:12 PM), Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent	
Returned to Open Session	President Clevenger asked for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Ms. Banks. All were in favor.	Open Session at 7:02 PM.
Open Session Continued	President Clevenger noted that the Board of Education had been in Closed Executive Session to conduct student discipline hearings, an employee discipline hearing, discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees. <u>No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.</u>	Information only.
Pledge of Allegiance	President Clevenger led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
Approval of Agenda, April 08, 2025	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the April 08, 2025 Open Session Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. All were in favor.	Agenda was Approved as presented.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
District Highlight	Michelle Bonebrake, Principal at Johns Hill Magnet School, presented and shared past and future events with students, staff and families, along with their shared focus on Arts Integration. They have also created a shared school culture by allowing students, at all grade levels, interact with each other. This produces mentor/mentee relationships inside the school. She also thanked her numerous community partners for their continued support.	Information only.
Public Participation	<p>President Clevenger noted that during Public Participation, the Board of Education asked for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify oneself and be brief. • Comments should be limited to 3 minutes. • Any public comments submitted to the Board Secretary will be included in the record. 	Information only.

For our listening audience, please note that during any Board of Education meeting and public participation, Board Members do NOT respond and/or comment to public comments; all comments are referred to administration. Furthermore, the Board refrains from referring to specific students or staff members by name, and requests that public commenters refrain from doing so as well. The request that you omit names was made to protect you from allegations of libel or slander or from violations of the Illinois School Student Records Act. It was not intended to shield an employee from criticism.

Abby Steele, DPS parent, spoke to the Board regarding her daughter starting the fourth quarter without a teacher and minimal instruction. Mrs. Steele has also talked with other families with the same concerns. There have been several attempts to discuss and possibly resolve this issue. She was told that it was not easy to split a class. There was a Roadmap Committee created to discuss various ideas in an attempt to address the needs and aspirations of the entire District. Could we get two people (District and Union Leadership) to discuss the academic needs of this classroom at Montessori Academy for Peace (MAP)? The District provided amazing opportunities for students to graduate with their high school diploma and an associate's degree (Prep Academy) from Richland Community College, but can't provide the consistent instruction for nineteen students? She noted that other buildings had split classrooms and continued to follow the contract. The union stated that they were willing to discuss this situation with District Leadership. She's an involved parent who's heavily involved with her student's education and was willing to hold others accountable.

Angel Sprague, DPS parent, spoke to the Board regarding her son who attends Montessori Academy for Peace (MAP). He does not have an assigned teacher and had a substitute and/or floated to other classrooms the last eight months. When floated, he felt as if he was being babysat versus receiving an education. Ms. Sprague was aware of the nation-wide teacher shortages and noted that the parents of the teacher-less classes, came together and spoke with other teachers at MAP. The teachers were willing to divide her son's classroom and merge the students into their classrooms.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Public Participation Continued	<p>The parents were told that that the hold-up was a conversation between administration and the teacher's union. The teacher's union noted that no one has tried to reach out to them to discuss this issue. Ms. Sprague was a successful graduate from DPS and wanted her children to be the same. If there was no solution, she planned to move out-of-district, which devastates her. Her son was struggling due to no consistency and guidance. She was very distraught and asked the Board of Education for help in providing the education that the students deserve.</p> <p>Kyiesha Mackins, DPS parent, spoke to the Board regarding the lack of consistency and communication with her student's education at Montessori Academy for Peace (MAP). Her daughter has not had a permanent classroom teacher this year and often placed in other classrooms. The inconsistencies were not acceptable for her academic and emotional well-being. Ms. Mackins reached out to school leadership for a meeting that was never scheduled; she was never scheduled a parent/teacher conference this school year. A substitute sent a terrible message to students, who were already lacking stability in their learning environment. She understood the teacher shortages, but if specialized programs could not be filled, it's a reflection of the reputation for the entire District. The students deserve a daily curriculum with dedicated educators and parents deserve communication from those who were responsible for student-learning. What steps were being taken to address this issue?</p>	Information only.
Junior Board Members Board Discussion	<p>None at this time.</p> <p>Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer, shared some information/highlights from a letter dated March 28, 2025 regarding the recent decision from Linda McMahon, Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education as follows:</p> <p><i>I write to inform you of a modification to the time period to liquidate obligations under the Education Stabilization Fund, including all programs funded by the ARP (America Rescue Plans/ESSER expenses) acts.</i></p> <p><i>In response to a liquidation extension request, the Department of Education previously granted a discretionary extension (Dr. Curry noted that this was not a part of the waiver or the extension) of the period of liquidation. But the Department has reconsidered your request (Dr. Curry noted that this letter was not only addressed to DPS, there were twenty-six other districts as well).</i></p> <p><i>After careful review, the Department is modifying the liquidation period to end on March 28, 2025 (Dr. Curry noted that the letter came on March 28, 2025). The Department has concluded that the further extension of the liquidation period for the aforementioned grants, already well past the period of performance. You and your subrecipients have had ample time to liquidate obligations. By failing to meet the clear deadline in the regulation, you ran the risk that the Department would deny your extension request. Extending deadlines for COVID- related grants, years after the COVID pandemic ended is not consistent with the Department's priorities and thus not a worthwhile exercise of its discretion.</i></p>	Information only. Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Board Discussion Continued	<p><i>The Department's initial approval of your extension request does not change anything, so any reliance interests developed are minimal (Dr. Curry noted that \$1.9 million was not minimal for DPS). An agency may reconsider its prior decision. So, you could not rely on the Department adhering to its original decision. You were entitled to the full award only if you liquidated all financial obligations within 120 days of the end of the period of performance. You failed to do so (Dr. Curry noted this was not just DPS, but twenty-six other districts as well). Any reliance on a discretionary extension subject to reconsideration by the agency was unreasonable (Dr. Curry noted that it did not state in the waiver that it could be revoked). The Department amends the period of liquidation to end on March 28, 2025, at 5:00pm ET (Dr. Curry noted that Dr. Clark received the letter Monday, April 01, 2025).</i></p> <p>Dr. Curry noted that due to logistics and inclement weather, the completion of four major projects were delayed and instead of rushing completion, the District filled out the waiver. The District was granted the liquidation waiver. The revocation of the waiver could result in the District's shift of \$1.9 million into the General Fund. Once the liquidation waiver was approved, DPS and twenty-six other districts acted in "good faith" in hopes it would be honored. If this happens, it may come from Fund 60 or Fund 10, with a possible amended budget.</p> <p>The State of Illinois was going to submit an extension on behalf of everyone. This process was never discretionary. DPS was prepared to submit the necessary paperwork, but was asked to hold-off.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider encouraged the District to resolve the issue with the students on the south-west side of the city. There were three school buildings in question. Will there be a neighborhood school? He would like to see the full Facilities Plan.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider asked for a survey for all of the teachers and teaching assistants before the end of the school year on their thoughts regarding Roadmap 2030.</p> <p>Mr. Wetzel asked his colleagues to check their spam boxes and reply to community emails. He has responded and met with community members. There could be technical issues with your emails.</p>	Information only.
Reports from Admins Career Technical Education (CTE) Update	<p>Dr. Edwin Robinson, Director of P12 Teaching & Learning – Secondary, presented and shared (enclosed in Board packet) updates on Career Technical Education (CTE) and secondary grade levels.</p> <p>The anticipated outcomes of the changed trajectory, while offering interest-based courses could produce the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Chronic Absenteeism • Increased Graduation Rates • Enhanced college and job prospects • Expanded opportunities to explore careers and develop interest 	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
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- Provide industry-specific skills and credentials
- Sets students apart from their peers
- Jumpstart careers

The Board discussed the presentation with Dr. Robinson.

President Clevenger noted that we could not produce the outcomes, if our students were not able to read and do basic math by the 3rd grade; this was critical.

Mr. Reynolds asked what could we do to bring in people who were willing to teach? We all care.

Summer School 2025 Update	Mary Brady, Director of P12 Teaching & Learning – Elementary, presented and shared (enclosed in Board packet) a Summer School 2025 update. Summer school will be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates: June 02 – 27, 2025, Monday through Thursday • Times: 8:00am to 12:00pm • Grades & Locations: K-5 & ESL at Johns Hill, Special Education K-8 at Hope Academy and 9-12 (Drivers Ed., APEX, English, Math) at Eisenhower High School 	Information only.
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Maria Robertson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, presented and shared, by video, the 2025 Community Summer Sign-Up & Family Resource Event update that was held Thursday, April 03, 2025. There were over 20 community partners at the event. Parents were able to pre-verify for vouchers for active (08/2024 – 05/2025) DPS students and eligibility requirements were shared with parents and families. The program dates will be from June 02 – August 01, 2025. She also thanked our community partners for their continued support.

Parents are allowed to pick-up vouchers from Monday, April 7th through Thursday, April 17th at the Keil Administration Building from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Ms. Brady noted that an update will also be presented, later in the year, regarding student growth of students who attended summer school.

Consent Items	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Consent Item as presented, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Minutes: Open/Closed Meetings March 18, 2025 B. Freedom of Information Report C. Bills D. Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Membership 2025-2026 E. Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Memberships 2025-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eisenhower High School • MacArthur High School 	Motion carried. Consent Items were approved as presented.
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Reynolds, Wetzel, Banks, Clevenger Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	
Potential Student 2425-0020 Expulsion	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education “authorize the issuance of a decision in the expulsion case for Student #2425-0020 consistent with the findings from the Hearing Officer’s Report, and that Student #2425-0020 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District, all events, property and activities of the District for the REMAINDER of the 2024-2025 school year, ALL of the 2025-2026 school year through the 1st semester of the 2026-2027 school year, with A stay for alternative education. Student #2425-0020 can return to their home school on the first student attendance day after winter break during the 2026-2027 school year.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel.</p> <p>Ms. Banks noted that she would vote “abstain” because she was not present during the hearing.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Reynolds, Wetzel, Scheider Nay: None Abstain: Banks Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Student 2425-0020 was approved to be expelled for the remainder of the 24-25 SY, all of the 25-26 SY through 1st semester of the 26-27 SY with A stay as presented.</p>
Potential Student 2425-0021 Expulsion	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education “authorize the issuance of a decision in the expulsion case for Student #2425-0021 consistent with the findings from the Hearing Officer’s Report, and that Student #2425-0021 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District, all events, property and activities of the District for the REMAINDER of the 2024-2025 school year, ALL of the 2025-2026 school year through the 1st semester of the 2026-2027 school year, with A stay for alternative education. Student #2425-0021 can return to their home school on the first student attendance day after winter break during the 2026-2027 school year.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider.</p> <p>Ms. Banks noted that she would vote “abstain” from this one as well (for the same reason).</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Reynolds, Wetzel, Clevenger Nay: None Abstain: Banks</p>	<p>Motion carried. Student 2425-0021 was approved to be expelled for the remainder of the 24-25 SY, all of the 25-26 SY through 1st semester of the 26-27 SY with A stay as presented.</p>

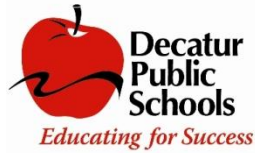
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent	
Potential Student 2425-0022 Expulsion	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education “authorize the issuance of a decision in the expulsion case for Student #2425-0022 consistent with the findings from the Hearing Officer’s Report, and that Student #2425-0022 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District, all events, property and activities of the District for the REMAINDER of the 2024-2025 school year, ALL of the 2025-2026 school year through the 1st semester of the 2026-2027 school year, with A stay for alternative education. Student #2425-0022 can return to their home school on the first student attendance day after winter break during the 2026-2027 school year.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Banks, Clevenger, Reynolds, Scheider, Wetzel Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Student 2425-0022 was approved to be expelled for the remainder of the 24-25 SY, all of the 25-26 SY through 1st semester of the 26-27 SY with A stay as presented.</p>
Discipline and/or Termination of DESPA Employee	<p>President Clevenger noted for the listening audience that there would be no action, at this time, for Roll Call Action Item D. Possible Discipline and/or Termination of Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association (DESPA) Employee because the Board of Education will move back into Executive Session to continue discussion and move back into Open Session to vote.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
Personnel Action Items	<p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Personnel Action Items listed in the Memo from Monica Wilks, Director of Human Resources, and the Human Resources Department as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider asked for an explanation on Quarterly AG Stipend. Mary Brady, Director of P12 Teaching & Learning – Elementary, replied it was the quarterly that the AG (agriculture) teachers receive through the Three-Circles Grant.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Reynolds, Wetzel, Scheider, Banks, Clevenger Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Personnel Action Items were approved as presented.</p>
Superintendent of Schools Compensation for the 2024-2025 School	<p>President Clevenger recommended the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools Compensation for the 2024-2025 School Year and the 2025-2026 School Year as presented.</p>	<p>Motion carried. Supt. of Schools Compensation for the 2024-2025 School</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Year and the 2025-2026 School Year	Mr. Scheider moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Wetzel, Banks, Clevenger, Reynolds Nay: Scheider (he felt that the appropriate procedure was not developed for this contract) Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 1 Nay, 2 Absent	Year and the 2025-2026 School Year
<u>FINAL</u> Calendar for Decatur Public School District 61 2024-2025 School Year (current school year)	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the <u>FINAL</u> Calendar for Decatur Public School District 61 2024-2025 School Year as presented. Ms. Monica Wilks, Director of Human Resources, noted that the last day of student attendance will be May 22, 2025. Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Banks, Wetzel, Clevenger, Reynolds Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. <u>FINAL</u> Calendar for Decatur Public School District 61 2024-2025 School Year was approved as presented.
Increase TeacherReady Program Slots from 25 to 50	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve to Increase TeacherReady Program Slots from 25 to 50 as presented. Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Banks, Wetzel, Reynolds, Scheider, Clevenger Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. Increase TeacherReady Program Slots from 25 to 50 was approved as presented.
Handwriting Curriculum – Learning without Tears	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Handwriting Curriculum – Learning without Tears as presented. Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Clevenger, Reynolds, Banks, Wetzel Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. Handwriting Curriculum – Learning without Tears was approved as presented.
Fastbridge/DnA/STAR Assessment Software Renewal	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Fastbridge/DnA/STAR Assessment Software Renewal as presented. Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel.	Motion carried. Fastbridge/DnA/STAR Assessment

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Mr. Scheider noted that he has voiced his opinion on over testing, therefore, he planned to vote no.	Software Renewal was approved as presented.
	Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Wetzel, Clevenger, Banks, Reynolds Nay: Scheider Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 1 Nay, 2 Absent	
District Consolidated Plan	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the District Consolidated Plan as presented.	Motion carried.
	Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel.	District Consolidated Plan was approved as presented.
	Mr. Wetzel noted that this was not Roadmap 2030.	
	Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer, noted that this was required by the State of Illinois. This consisted of details of the plan and has to be approved first before the submission of next year's title plans.	
ESSER Funds	Dr. Curry noted that he could not speak for the State of IL regarding the ESSER report, but they were <u>asked</u> to submit on behalf of the District. If they do not, the District was prepared to do so.	Information only.
	Mr. Wetzel urged his fellow Board Members to reach out to the Congressional Representatives.	
	Pertaining to motion and second on the floor regarding the District Consolidated Plan, the Board of Education continued with the vote.	
	Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Reynolds, Banks, Wetzel, Clevenger, Scheider Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	
Lamar Digital Billboard Renewal	Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Lamar Digital Billboard Renewal as presented.	Motion carried.
	President Clevenger asked about the cost benefits and how was it measured. Ms. Monica Wilks, Director of Human Resources, replied that one form of measurement regarding recruitment would be to list as a referral source on the applications. Marketing was a layered campaign and we could only track the data that was supplied. The billboards were in several cities in Illinois.	Lamar Digital Billboard Renewal was approved as presented.
	Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks.	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Reynolds, Scheider, Banks Nay: Wetzel Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 1 Nay, 2 Absent	
Announcements	The Board of Education and Administration sends condolences to the families of: Terry L. Davis, who passed away Saturday, March 15 th . Mr. Davis was the father of Holly Kitson, Principal of Parsons Elementary School. Donald Bohnsack, who passed away Wednesday, March 26 th . Mr. Bohnsack was the father of Maria Bohnsack, 3 rd Grade Teacher at Dennis Lab School. Karen Cadmus, who passed away Sunday, April 06, 2025. Mrs. Cadmus was the mother of Kathy Horath, Director of Macon-Piatt Special Education District.	Information only.
Important Dates	<p>IMPORTANT DATES</p> <p><u>April</u> 18 Good Friday Holiday – NO School for Students and District Offices are Closed 23 District-wide Half Day of School for ALL Students – Please call your home school for details, if needed 26 MacArthur High School 2024-2025 School Year Prom – The Decatur Club from 7:00PM to 10:00PM</p> <p><u>May</u> 03 Eisenhower High School 2024-2025 School Year Prom – The Decatur Club from 7:00PM to 10:00PM</p> <p>NEXT MEETING The public portion of the next <u>regular</u> meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the Keil Administration Building.</p>	Information only.
Returned to Closed Executive Session	<p>President Clevenger moved to return to Closed Executive Session to conduct an employee discipline hearing, discuss discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Mr. Reynolds.</p> <p>President Clevenger noted that the Board of Education will return to Open Session.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Reynolds, Banks, Wetzel, Clevenger, Scheider Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	Board returned to Closed Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	The Board of Education returned to Closed Executive Session in the 3 rd floor Conference Room at the Keil Administration Building. The Board of Education will resume Open Session in the 1 st floor Board Room.	
	<p>President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Wetzel, Banks, Scheider, Reynolds Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	
Returned to Open Session	President Clevenger asked for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Reynolds motioned, seconded by Mr. Scheider. All were in favor.	Open Session at 9:40 PM.
Open Session Continued	<p>President Clevenger noted that the Board of Education had been in Closed Executive Session to conduct an employee discipline hearing, discuss discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees. <u>No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.</u></p> <p>President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Banks, Wetzel, Reynolds, Scheider Nay: None Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	Information only.
Possible Discipline and/or Termination of DESPA Employee	<p>President Clevenger noted for the listening audience that they were moving to Roll Call Action Item D. Possible Discipline and/or Termination of Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association (DESPA) Employee</p> <p>Superintendent Clark recommended the Board of Education approve the Termination of Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association (DESPA) Employee Natasha Cobb, effective Wednesday, April 09, 2025 as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Banks. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Banks, Reynolds Nay: Scheider, Wetzel Absent: Collins and Dion Roll Call Vote: 3 Aye, 2 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Natasha Cobb termination was approved, effective, April 09, 2025 as presented.</p>
Adjournment	President Clevenger asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reynolds moved, seconded by Mr. Scheider. All were in favor.	Board adjourned at 9:47 PM.



Board of Education Decatur Public School District 61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Monthly Financial Conditions Report
Initiated By: Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operations Officer	Attachments: Financial Conditions Report
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The attached report illustrates the District's year-to-date revenues and expenditures and provides an explanation of the financial conditions of the Decatur Public School District and Macon-Piatt Special Education District.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

As the District completes March, the ninth month of FY25, the Macon-Piatt Special Education District has expended 70.69% of its overall budget; Decatur School District #61 has expended 67.68% of its overall budget.

As of April 14, 2025, the State Comptroller is holding FY25 ISBE vouchers in the amount of \$5,432,324 of which \$2,818,819 is associated with Evidence-Based Funding and \$732,916 is associated with the Early Childhood Block Grant.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

n/a

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the Monthly Financial Conditions report as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

2024-2025 Decatur Public S.D. #61
Fund Balance Summary - March 31, 2025

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Balance 07/01/24</u>	<u>Revenues To Date</u>	<u>Expenditures To Date</u>	<u>Net Cash Flow</u>	<u>Change in Fund Balance</u>	<u>Balance 03/31/2025</u>	<u>Tentative Balance 06/30/25</u>
DISTRICT # 61							
Education	\$22,203,280	\$112,289,905	\$94,013,695	\$18,276,210	\$0	<i>\$40,479,490</i>	\$ 21,847,411
Operation & Maintenance	\$2,103,416	\$8,004,246	\$6,013,315	\$1,990,931	\$0	<i>\$4,094,347</i>	\$ 992,495
Debt Service	\$10,327,523	\$9,715,101	\$7,375,247	\$2,339,854	\$0	<i>\$12,667,378</i>	\$ 10,326,024
Transportation	\$6,670,257	\$4,492,396	\$4,343,416	\$148,979	\$0	<i>\$6,819,237</i>	\$ 5,091,618
IMRF	\$3,313,484	\$2,885,355	\$1,148,042	\$1,737,314	\$0	<i>\$5,050,798</i>	\$ 4,101,028
Social Security/Medicare	\$655,101	\$2,973,491	\$1,662,025	\$1,311,465	\$0	<i>\$1,966,566</i>	\$ 1,514,973
Capital Projects Fund	\$6,588,922	\$1,121,458	\$3,755,731	(\$2,634,273)	\$0	<i>\$3,954,650</i>	\$ 2,025,986
Working Cash	\$5,370,962	\$664,585	\$0	\$664,585	\$0	<i>\$6,035,547</i>	\$ 6,040,828
Tort Immunity/Judgment	\$4,924,048	\$1,484,147	\$3,316,917	(\$1,832,769)	(\$521,716)	<i>\$2,569,563</i>	\$ 1,521,740
Fire Prevention/Safety	\$1,964,765	\$414,585	\$434,071	(\$19,486)	\$0	<i>\$1,945,278</i>	\$ 669,867
<i>Totals District 61</i>	<i>\$64,121,759</i>	<i>\$144,045,269</i>	<i>\$122,062,458</i>	<i>\$21,982,810</i>	<i>(\$521,716)</i>	<i>\$85,582,854</i>	<i>\$ 54,131,970</i>
Macon-Piatt Special Ed District	\$8,943,097	\$13,004,010	\$15,270,490	(\$2,266,480)	\$0	<i>\$6,676,617</i>	\$ 8,829,319

Macon-Piatt Special Education District
Report Date: March 2025
Financial Condition as of March 31, 2025

Percent of year passed: 75%

	Revenues	Adopted Budget	Pre Audit Y-T-D	Percent Received/Used
12	Education	21,488,323	13,004,010	60.52%
	Operation &			
22	Maintenance	-	-	
42	Transportation	-	-	
52	IMRF	-	-	
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	IMRF	<u>21,488,323</u>	<u>13,004,010</u>	<u>60.52%</u>

Expenditures

12	Education	19,671,495	14,393,583	73.17%
	Operation &			
22	Maintenance	360,870	180,993	50.15%
42	Transportation	25,750	8,247	32.03%
52	IMRF	<u>1,543,986</u>	<u>687,667</u>	<u>44.54%</u>
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	Total Expenditures	<u>21,602,101</u>	<u>15,270,490</u>	<u>70.69%</u>

Net Cash

Total Revenues	21,488,323	13,004,010	60.52%
Total Expenditures	<u>21,602,101</u>	<u>15,270,490</u>	70.69%
Net Cash	<u>(113,778)</u>	<u>(2,266,480)</u>	

Fund Balances

Actual

12	Education	<u><u>6,676,617</u></u>
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Decatur Public School District #61
Report Date: March 2025
Financial Condition as of March 31, 2025

Percent of year passed: 75%

			Pre Audit	Percent	PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON FY 24 Percent Received/Used As Of 03/31/24
	Revenues	Budget	Y-T-D	Received/Used	
10	Education	133,617,166	112,289,905	84.04%	65.70%
20	Operation & Maintenance	8,046,666	8,004,246	99.47%	87.47%
30	Debt Service	9,768,275	9,715,101	99.46%	98.87%
40	Transportation	5,978,666	4,492,396	75.14%	80.34%
50	IMRF	3,101,000	2,885,355	93.05%	83.46%
51	Social Security	3,001,200	2,973,491	99.08%	102.51%
60	Capital Projects	2,000,000	1,121,458	56.07%	35.75%
70	Working Cash	669,866	664,585	99.21%	111.64%
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	1,501,500	1,484,147	98.84%	106.41%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	2,669,866	414,585	15.53%	111.93%
	Total Revenues	170,354,205	144,045,269	84.56%	69.88%

			Pre Audit	Percent	PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON FY 24 Percent Received/Used As Of 03/31/24
	Expenditures	Budget	Y-T-D	Received/Used	
10	Education	133,973,035	94,013,695	70.17%	56.69%
20	Operation & Maintenance	9,157,588	6,013,315	65.66%	71.12%
30	Debt Service	9,769,775	7,375,247	75.49%	80.04%
40	Transportation	7,557,305	4,343,416	57.47%	76.01%
50	IMRF	2,313,456	1,148,042	49.62%	56.10%

51	Social Security	2,141,328	1,662,025	77.62%	61.93%
60	Capital Projects	6,562,936	3,755,731	57.23%	66.46%
70	Working Cash	-	-	-	110.00%
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	4,903,808	3,316,917	67.64%	70.31%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	3,964,764	434,071	10.95%	111.21%
	Total Expenditures	180,343,995	122,062,458	67.68%	60.44%

Net Cash

Total Revenues	170,354,205	144,045,269	84.56%
Total Expenditures	180,343,995	122,062,458	67.68%
Net Cash	(9,989,790)	21,982,810	

Fund Balances

Actual

10	Education	40,479,490
20	Operation & Maintenance	4,094,347
30	Debt Service	12,667,381
40	Transportation	6,819,237
50	IMRF	5,050,798
51	Social Security	1,966,566
60	Capital Projects	3,954,650
70	Working Cash	6,035,547
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	2,569,563
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	1,945,278
	Total Funds	85,582,857



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Treasurer's Report
Initiated By: Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operations Officer	Attachments: Treasurer's Report – March 2025
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The attached report details the District's investments and the status of the District's cash as of March 31, 2025.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2025 as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61
UNAUDITED TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 2025

	Cash/Investments as of 02/28/25	Receipts	Disbursements	Change/Interest	Cash/Investments as of 03/31/25
Education	43,351,870.77	13,372,314.68	11,408,837.89		45,315,347.56
Operations & Maintenance	4,812,703.41	9,128.69	703,123.52		4,118,708.58
Debt Service	12,192,426.89	569,817.39	0.00		12,762,244.28
Transportation	6,989,024.23	71,667.81	665,651.64		6,395,040.40
IMRF	5,209,716.68	6,431.99	142,736.18		5,073,412.49
Social Security	2,173,042.80	3,236.32	196,505.18		1,979,773.94
Capital Projects	4,091,300.60	125,311.25	218,546.94		3,998,064.91
Working Cash	6,078,646.49	5,806.00	0.00		6,084,452.49
Tort/Judgment Immunity	3,126,452.17	6,384.99	212,438.12		2,920,399.04
Fire Prevention & Safety	1,958,855.04	2,146.92	0.00		1,961,001.96
Macon-Piatt Special Education	5,444,020.14	2,981,553.78	1,698,178.47		6,727,395.45
Activities	647,471.94	40,023.07	36,916.63		650,578.38
	96,075,531.16	17,193,822.89	15,282,934.57	-	97,986,419.48

Dr. Mike Curry

04/09/25



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Personnel Action
Initiated By: Monica L Wilks, Director of Human Resources, and the Human Resources Department	Attachments: 7 Pages of Personnel Action
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per Board Policy 5:30: Hiring Process and Criteria – The District hires the most qualified personnel consistent with budget and staffing requirements and in compliance with School board policy on equal employment opportunities and minority recruitment.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

All offers of employment are contingent upon the approval of the Board of Education. Accordingly, anyone who is offered and begins employment prior to the approval of the Board of Education understands that they will do so as a substitute. If the approval of the Board of Education is obtained, these substitutes will then be made whole retroactive to their first day of employment.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

These positions are in the budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve all Personnel Action Items as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION:_____

To: Board of Education
From: Monica L Wilks, Director of Human Resources
Date: April 16, 2025
Board Date: April 22, 2025
Re: Personnel Action

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Jayden Peeler	Maintenance Worker (Heavy Equipment Operator), Buildings & Grounds	April 9, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Sharae Bond	Extended Day Site Program Coordinator, PDI	July 1, 2025

EXTENDED DAY:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Reginald Dobbs	Non Certified Staff, Baum	April 15, 2025
Jayjuan Young	Non Certified Staff, Muffley	April 2, 2025

CUSTODIANS:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Eric Dabner	2nd Shift Custodian (All Schools), Buildings & Grounds	April 28, 2025
Reed Mullinix	2nd Shift Custodian (All Schools), Buildings & Grounds	April 30, 2025

SCHEDULE B:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Ferlaxnes Carson	Elementary Track and Field Coach, American Dreamer	March 3, 2025
Kaitlyn Dickey	Elementary Track and Field Coach, Hope Academy	April 2, 2025
Colleen Veitengruber	Middle School Department Chair, Dennis	January 15, 2025

TRANSFERS**TEACHER:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Jackalyn Creason	From Grade 6, Baum to Grade 5, Baum	August 11, 2025

CUSTODIANS:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Charles Loveall	From 2nd Shift Custodian, Montessori Academy to 1st Shift Head Custodian, Montessori Academy	April 21, 2025
William Singer	From 2nd Shift Custodian (All Schools), Buildings & Grounds to 2nd Shift Head Custodian, Eisenhower	April 14, 2025

OFFICE PERSONNEL:

Name	Position	Effective Date
M Beth Stout	From Small Learning Community Secretary, Eisenhower to Secretary to the Principal, Montessori Academy	April 14, 2025

RESIGNATIONS**TEACHERS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Satara Nelson	Cross Categorical, Johns Hill	End of the 2024-2025 School Year
Susan Snyder	Grade 1, Hope Academy	May 22, 2025

TEACHING ASSISTANTS:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Jacqueline Pickett	Special Ed Assistant, Hope Academy	April 7, 2025
Clifford Tucker	Special Ed Assistant, MacArthur	April 11, 2025

EXTENDED DAY:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Felicia Bell	Non Certified Staff, Johns Hill	April 11, 2025

Seth Greenwell	Non Certified Staff, Baum	April 14, 2025
Shaquila Clark	Site Coordinator, Franklin Grove	April 25, 2025

CUSTODIAN:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Dylan Rager	2nd Shift Custodian, Hope Academy	April 15, 2025

SCHEDULE B:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Michelle Mitchell	Boys Basketball Coach, Muffley	April 8, 2025

CROSSING GUARD:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Charles Moyer	Crossing Guard, Johns Hill	April 11, 2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

TEACHER:

Name	Leave	Effective Date
Justin Hayes	Medical Leave	April 14, 2025

2025-2026 CONTRACT RENEWAL

ADMINISTRATORS:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Angela Jones	Assistant Principal, Eisenhower	July 1, 2025
Mistie Rodriguez	Principal, Eisenhower	July 1, 2025

2025-2026 CONTRACT RENEWAL

ADMINISTRATOR JOB TITLE CORRECTION:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Elizabeth Lang	Assistant Director, Macon Piatt	July 1, 2025

COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Summer School Planning #3 on April 7, 2025 at PDI:
 Kristine Boomer \$99.00 Heidy Perales \$99.00

Michelle Davis	\$99.00	Norma Ramos	\$99.00
Summer Boyd	\$99.00	Sharon Bird	\$132.00

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Prep & Plan on February 20, 2025 at Parsons:

Olivia Mannlein	Jaime Goodman
Sheree Park	Kandice Michener
Heather Groves	
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Planning on April 9, 2025 at Baum:

Tonya Bales	Chrissy Petitt
Mary Evans	Leslie Foster
Jennifer Day	Sara Barnett
- The following staff member should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in Help on the Hill Tutoring on April 9, 2025 at Johns Hill:
Kristine Boomer
- The following staff member should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in Help on the Hill Tutoring on April 2, 2025 at Johns Hill:
Thomas Miller
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in ILT Meeting on April 10, 2025 at Baum:

Tammy Carver	Jacquelyn Rickey
Joni Grubbs	Michelle Vanderberg
Katie Hill	Brittany Williams
Chrissy Petitt	
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Prep & Plan on March 6, 2025 at Parsons:

Carrie Sager	Kandice Michener
Sheree Park	C Roxann Kennedy
Heather Groves	Brady Parks
Jaime Goodman	
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in BIST/SIP Team Meeting on February 3, 2025 at Parsons:

Hannah Bird	Carrie Sager
Melissa Goede	Sheree Park
Ashley Guntle	Peter Brown
Andrea Wakeland	Jaime Goodman
Lyndsay Lemanczyk	C Roxann Kennedy
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in BIST/SIP Team Meeting on February 24, 2025 at Parsons:

Ashley Guntle
Andrea Wakeland
Lyndsay Lemanczyk

Carrie Sager
Sheree Park
C Roxann Kennedy

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in BIST/SIP Team Meeting on March 17, 2025 at Parsons:

C Roxann Kennedy
Carrie Sager

Ashley Guntle
Sheree Park

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in BIST/SIP Team Meeting on March 31, 2025 at Parsons:

Hannah Bird
Melissa Goede
Ashley Guntle
Andrea Wakeland
C Roxann Kennedy

Carrie Sager
Sheree Park
Jaime Goodman
Lyndsay Lemanczyk

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Prep & Plan on January 23, 2025 at Parsons:

C Roxann Kennedy
Sheree Park
Melissa Goede
Jaime Goodman

Kandice Michener
Carrie Sager
Olivia Mannlein
Courtney Odle

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in BIST Team Meeting on March 6, 2025 at Franklin Grove:

Kelsey Rigsby	\$33.00
Denise Kelly	\$33.00

Robin Valdez	\$25.00
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- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Prep & Plan on February 6, 2025 at Parsons:

C Roxann Kennedy
Sheree Park
Heather Groves
Jaime Goodman

Kandice Michener
Carrie Sager
Olivia Mannlein

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Student Engagement on February 11, 2025 at Baum:

Mary Evans	\$33.00
Jacqueline Faulkner	\$33.00

Madison Stark	\$33.00
Kameron Smith	\$19.98

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Planning on February 26, 2025 at Baum:

Jacqueline Faulkner
Jennifer Day
Chrissy Pettitt

Katie Hill
Joni Grubbs

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in School Improvement on April 1, 2025 at Teaching & Learning:

Maria Wiggins	\$1,675.00	Curtiss Lindsey	\$1,675.00
Amanda Flesch	\$1,675.00	Matthew Grossman	\$1,675.00
Holly Davis-Kitson	\$1,675.00	Mistie Rodriguez	\$1,675.00
Talitha Hays	\$1,675.00	Austin Jesse	\$1,675.00
Mary Brady	\$2,512.50	Angela Jones	\$1,675.00
Edwin Robinson	\$2,512.50	Heather England	\$1,675.00
Querida Ellis	\$1,675.00	Stephanie Strang	\$1,675.00
Nicole Long	\$1,675.00	Tasia Spencer	\$1,675.00
Courtney Settles	\$1,675.00	Eric Newbon	\$1,675.00
Sergio Reyna	\$1,675.00	William Pitts	\$1,675.00
Kathryn Rodgers	\$1,675.00	Brandon Jelks	\$1,675.00
Kamra Meador	\$1,675.00	Nathaniel Tallent	\$1,675.00
Keith Creighton	\$1,675.00	Pamela Helm	\$1,675.00
Allison Brinkoetter	\$1,675.00	Benjamin West	\$1,675.00

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in Student Engagement on March 18, 2025 at Baum:

Mary Evans	Madison Stark
Jacqueline Faulkner	

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in Dual Credit on Second Semester of the 2024-2025 School Year at MacArthur:

Julie O’Laughlin	\$4,500.00	Brittany Huff	\$3,000.00
Jonathan Hartzmark	\$3,000.00	Garold Fowler	\$1,500.00
Jennifer Young	\$1,000.00		

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Planning on April 2, 2025 at Baum:

Joni Grubbs	Tonya Bales
Katie Hill	Leslie Foster
Chrissy Petitt	Madison Stark
Michelle Vanderberg	Aimee Coverstone
Britttany Williams	

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Planning on March 19, 2025 at Baum:

Tonya Bales	Jacqueline Faulkner
Leslie Foster	Mary Evans
Aimee Coverstone	

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in MTSS Planning on March 5, 2025 at Parsons:

Tonya Bales	Chrissy Petitt
Aimee Coverstone	Brittany Williams
Jacqueline Faulkner	Katie Hill

Mary Evans
Jennifer Day
Madison Stark

Joni Grubbs
Michelle Vanderberg

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in Leadership Team Meeting on March 6, 2025 at Baum:

Katie Hill
Brittany Williams

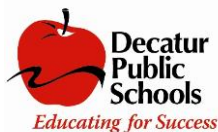
Tammy Carver
Michelle Vanderberg

- The following staff member should be compensated **\$2,500.00** for the X-Step for her years of service to Decatur Public Schools:
Nancy Bodkin

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$2,000.00** pertaining to their additional duties from January 3, 2025 through March 27, 2025.

Dr. Larry Gray

Dr. Jay Marino



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: International Teacher Exchange Program Partnership with Peoria District 150
Initiated By: Monica Wilks, Director of Human Resources	Attachments: N/A
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Filling certified teacher vacancies is an increasingly high priority for DPS. Peoria Public Schools (PPS) District 150 is a sponsor of an Exchange Visitor Program. The purpose of the program is to provide International Teachers with opportunities to participate in education and cultural programs in the United States. Participating teachers are placed in a K-12 host school for 1-3 years and teach a wide range of subjects with a possibility of a 2-year extension.

Through partnerships with PPS's recruiting consultants, PPS recruits, screens, sponsors, and places international teachers within districts on a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa. During this program, teachers participate in cross-cultural activities with their schools and local communities and enhance their professional and teaching skills. After the completion of their program, Exchange Visitors return to their home countries to share their experiences with their home country schools and communities. The program also encourages Americans to participate in educational and cultural programs in other countries.

PPS's Program fees include international teacher recruitment, English proficiency screening, a written and ZOOM pre-interview of teacher, ratings and scheduling of ZOOM interviews with Host Schools, orientation before arrival to the Host District, issuance of a DS-2019 to the teacher in support of J-1 visa sponsorship, visa allotment, annual renewal of J-1 visa sponsorship for a period of 1 – 3 years with the possibility of a 1 - 2 year extension, monthly check-ins with teachers, 7 day/24-hour support from PPS, regulatory compliant medical insurance for the first 90 days of the program until the employer issued insurance is active, assistance with the development of a cultural activity plan for each exchange teacher, and processing of the teacher's required annual report. For first-year participation, the cost is \$4,000 per teacher.

The program agreement covers new program fees for the school term starting July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

There are currently 78 certified teacher vacancies within the District. Partnering with PPS for the International Teacher Exchange Program could positively impact our vacancies by providing up to 50 new teachers for the 2025-2026 school year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Teacher Vacancy Grant funds will cover the first-year program costs of \$4,000 per teacher, for a total of \$200,000 for 50 teachers. The Education Fund will cover the salaries for each teacher. These funds are already budgeted as these are approved vacant positions.

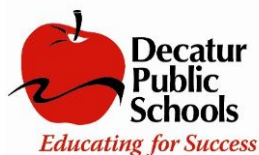
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve this partnership with Peoria Public Schools District 150's International Exchange Teacher Program as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION:_____



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: iPad Purchase for Stephen Decatur Middle School
Initiated By: Maurice Payne, Director of Information Technology	Attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• iPad Purchase for Stephen Decatur Middle School – Apple Quote• iPad Purchase for Stephen Decatur Middle School – AGi Insurance Case Quote
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SDMS currently assigns an iPad to each student. The students pick up the iPad at the beginning of the school day from their homeroom and carry it from class to class. At the end of the school day, the expectation is for the iPad to be returned to the students homeroom class cart.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

This recommendation would purchase 350 iPad 11's. SDMS will go from individually assigned iPads to having a set of iPads for each classroom. Students will login the device and have access to their Google Account and other learning platforms used at SDMS. Insurance cases would also be purchased to provide 3 years of unlimited repairs for each iPad.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of the iPads is \$113,400.00 and the cost of the insurance cases \$20,650.00.

The total cost of the iPads and insurance cases is \$134,050.00 and would be paid from title funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the iPad Purchase for Stephen Decatur Middle School in the amount of \$134,050.00, as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION:_____



Apple Inc. Education Price Quote

Customer: Whitney Edmonson DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 61 Phone: 217-362-3070 Email: wedmonson@dps61.org	Apple Inc: Cullen Coyne Email: ccoyne@apple.com	Apple Quote: 2213482893 Quote Date: April 15, 2025 Quote Valid Until: May 15, 2025
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Quote Comments:

Item #	Details	Qty	Unit List Price	Extended List Price
1	11-inch iPad Wi-Fi 128GB - Silver (Packaged in a 10-pack) Part Number: MD6L4LL/A	350	\$324.00	\$113,400.00

Education List Price Total	\$113,400.00
Additional Tax	\$0.00
Estimated Tax	\$0.00
Total Tax	\$0.00
Extended Total Price*	\$113,400.00

**In most cases Extended Total Price does not include Sales Tax
If applicable, eWaste/Recycling Fees are included. Standard shipping is complimentary

Disclosure

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220 Huff Ave Ste 500
Greensburg, PA, 15601-5376
Phone: (724) 838-1170
Web: agirepair.com

Quote

Order No.: 1610817
Order Date: 3/7/2025
Expiration Date: 4/6/2025
Customer ID: DECATURPS61

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DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS 61
300 E ELDORADO ST
DECATUR IL 62523-1037

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DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS 61
300 E ELDORADO ST
DECATUR IL 62523-1037
Attn: Dylan Ackley

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Net 45 Days

Bilsky, Alaina

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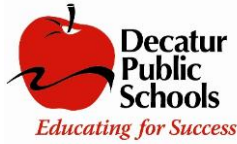
Free Shipping

FedEx Ground Outbound

NO.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	AGIP-3YR-IP-C	AGiProtect 3 Year Plan w/case for iPad Base Model, iPad 11	350.00	59.00	20,650.00
2	CASE-BH-IPAD10-EDGE360	Edge 360 Case for iPad 10 / 11 (SKU 2906)	350.00	0.00	0.00

NOTE: Price without buyback

Sales Total: 20,650.00
Freight & Misc.: 0.00
Less Discount: 0.00
Tax Total: 0.00
Total (USD): 20,650.00



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Teacher MacBook Upgrade
Initiated By: Maurice Payne, Director of Information Technology	Attachments: Teacher MacBook Upgrade - Apple Proposal
Reviewed By: Dr. Jay Marino, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, and Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Teaching staff received upgraded MacBooks Air's starting in 2020.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

With this recommendation, 320 K-8 teachers would receive an upgraded MacBook Air during the first phase of the upgrade. The MacBook's would be deployed this fall after teachers return for the 2025-2026 school year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This recommendation focuses on upgrading K-8 iPads due to title funds only allowed for K-8 purchases. The total cost of the purchase is \$281,280.00 and would be paid from title funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the Teacher MacBook Upgrade in the amount of \$281,280.00 as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____



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Quote Comments:

Item #	Details	Qty	Unit List Price	Extended List Price
1	13-inch MacBook Air: Apple M4 chip with 10-core CPU and 8-core GPU, 16GB, 256GB SSD – Silver (Packaged in a 5-pack) Part Number: MW173LL/A Configuration: 065-CH5Q : Apple M4 chip with 10-core CPU, 8-core GPU, 16-core Neural Engine 065-CH5V : 16GB unified memory 065-CH5Y : 256GB SSD storage 065-CH63 : 30W USB-C Power Adapter 065-CH7C : 12MP Center Stage camera 065-CH7D : Two Thunderbolt 4 ports 065-CH7F : MagSafe 3 charging port 065-CH7G : 13.6-inch Liquid Retina display with True Tone 065-CH9N : None 065-CH98 : Backlit Magic Keyboard with Touch ID – US English 065-CH9K : Accessory Kit	320	\$879.00	\$281,280.00

Education List Price Total	\$281,280.00
Additional Tax	\$0.00
Estimated Tax	\$0.00
Total Tax	\$0.00
Extended Total Price*	\$281,280.00

**In most cases Extended Total Price does not include Sales Tax
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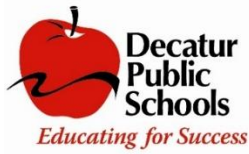
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Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Award of Carpet Replacement Bid for Hope Academy
Initiated By: Floyd Bolt, (Interim) Director of Building and Grounds	Attachments: Bid Tabulation Dated April 1, 2024
Reviewed By: Dr. Michael Curry, Chief Operations Officer, and Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Due to the poor condition of the original carpet installed in 2005, when the school was built, the District Administration is recommending the replacement of all carpet in classrooms, commons spaces, office and library areas of Hope Academy.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The District has received bids for the removal and replacement of all carpeted areas within Hope Academy. The low bid came from Agile Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$237,078.78. The work is to be completed this summer 2025.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

These services will be paid out of Fund 60 – Capital Projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education accept the quote from Agile Construction Services, LLC to supply all labor and Materials for the removal of existing carpet and installation of new Carpeting and associated materials for the amount \$ 237,078.78 as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION:_____



April 1, 2025

Decatur Public School District 61
101 W Cerro Gordo Street
Decatur, IL 62523

Re: **DPS Hope Academy Carpet Replacement**
Decatur Public School District #61
BLDD Project #256EX20.200
BID TABULATION

Enclosed is a Bid Tabulation Form showing the results of the bids opened on 4/1/2025 for the above-referenced project. We have reviewed the bid of Agile Construction Services, LLC and it appears to be in order.

Please advise if the Owner intends to accept Base Bids as submitted by Agile Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$237,078.78.

We also recommend maintaining a construction contingency of approximately 5% of the bid amount to cover unforeseen conditions that may occur during construction.

Please notify us of the board's actions concerning this bid, as well as your time frame for establishing a pre-construction conference and issuing a Notice to Proceed.

Sincerely,

BLDD Architects, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Kurtenbach", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Kimberly A. Kurtenbach, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP®, REFP
Associate

enclosure

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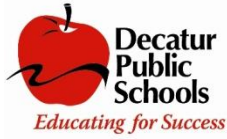
BLDD.COM

Bid Tabulation Form

DATE: 4/1/2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PROJECT NAME: DPS Hope Academy Carpet Replacement
CLIENT: Decatur Public School District 61
LOCATION: via zoom
BLDD PROJECT: 256EX20.200

Contractor	Bid Bond	Addendum 1 & 2 Received		Base Bid	Total
Agile Construction Services, LLC	5%	Yes		\$237,078.78	
Continental Flooring Company	5%	Yes		\$268,888.00	
GIVSCO Construction Company	5%	Yes		\$238,000.00	



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Renewal of Audit Services
Initiated By: Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer	Attachments: Proposed Fee Document
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Forvis currently provides audit services to Decatur Public Schools. In FY25 their audit services cost \$50,250. For FY26 the proposed cost is \$52,800.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed fees are for the audit of Decatur Public School District No. 61 and the Macon-Piatt Special Education District.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Forvis is proposing a fee of \$52,800 for audit services for the year ending June 30, 2025.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the proposed fee from Forvis for the Auditing Services as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

March 25, 2025

Board of Education
Decatur School District
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street
Decatur, Illinois 62523

We appreciate your selection of **Forvis Mazars, LLP** as your service provider and are pleased to confirm the arrangements of our engagement in this contract. Within the requirements of our professional standards and any duties owed to the public, regulatory, or other authorities, our goal is to provide you an **Unmatched Client Experience**.

In addition to the terms set forth in this contract, including the detailed **Scope of Services**, our engagement is governed by the following, incorporated fully by this reference:

- Terms and Conditions Addendum

Summary Scope of Services

As described in the attached **Scope of Services**, our services will include the following:

- Decatur School District No. 61
- Audit Services for the year ended June 30, 2025

You agree to assume full responsibility for the substantive outcomes of the contracted services and for any other services we may provide, including any findings that may result.

You also acknowledge these services are adequate for your purposes, and you will establish and monitor the performance of these services to ensure they meet management's objectives. All decisions involving management responsibilities related to these services will be made by you, and you accept full responsibility for such decisions.

We understand you have designated a management-level individual(s) to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the performance of nonattest services, and you have determined this individual is qualified to conduct such oversight.

Engagement Fees

Our fees will be based on time, skill, and resources, including our proprietary information required to complete the services. The fee for our services will be \$52,800.

This fee does not include assistance with the preparation for the financial statement, which will be billed separately, if required. The above fee includes travel costs and fees for services from other professionals, if any, as well as an administrative fee of five (5) percent to cover certain technology and administrative costs associated with our services.

Our pricing for this engagement and our fee structure are based upon the expectation that our invoices will be paid promptly. Payment of our invoices is due upon receipt.

Assistance with New Standards

Assistance and additional time as a result of the adoption of the following new standards are not included within our standard engagement fees. These fees will be based on time expended and will vary based on the level of assistance and procedures required.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. Early application is encouraged.

Statement No. 101 unifies and updates recognition, measurement, and disclosure guidance for compensated absences. Under this Statement, a government is required to record a liability for leave if that leave has been earned, accumulates, and is more likely than not to be used, paid, or otherwise settled.

The time it will take to perform the above assistance and our additional audit procedures relating to the adoption of the Statement, and any time to assist you with the adoption, may be minimized to the extent your personnel will be available to provide timely and accurate documentation and information as requested by us.

Contract Agreement

Please sign and return this contract to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our services including our respective responsibilities.

Forvis Mazars, LLP

Forvis Mazars, LLP

Acknowledged and agreed to as it relates to the entire contract, including the **Scope of Services** and **Terms and Conditions Addendum**, on behalf of Decatur School District No. 61.

BY _____
Name and Title - Member of Those
Charged with Governance

DATE _____

BY _____
Name and Title - Member of Management

DATE _____

Scope of Services – Audit Services

We will audit the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, and related disclosures which collectively comprise the basic financial statements for the following entity:

Decatur School District No. 61 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025

The audit has the following broad objectives:

- Obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- Expressing an opinion on the financial statements
- Issuing a report on your internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on the audit of your financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Expressing an opinion on your compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect to each of your major federal award programs in accordance with the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance)
- Issuing a report on your internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance
- Issuing a report on your schedule of expenditures of federal awards

We understand the basic financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting and the annual financial report is prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting.

We will also express an opinion on the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We will complete the auditee portion of the Form SF-SAC (Data Collection Form) through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. We will not make the submission on your behalf. You will review a draft of the submission prior to transmission and agree that you are solely responsible for approving the final draft for transmission as well as for the auditee submission and certification.

We will also provide you with the following nonattest services:

- Clerical assistance with preparing the financial statements and related notes

You agree to assume all management responsibilities and to oversee the nonattest services we will provide by designating an individual possessing suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience. You acknowledge that nonattest services are not covered under *Government Auditing Standards*. You are responsible for:

- Making all management decisions and performing all management functions
- Evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed
- Accepting responsibility for the results of such services
- Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities

Heather M. Powell is responsible for supervising the engagement and authorizing the signing of the report or reports.

We will issue a written report(s) upon completion of our audit(s), addressed to the following parties:

Entity Name

Party Name

Decatur School District No. 61

Board of Education

You are responsible to distribute our reports to other officials who have legal oversight authority or those responsible for acting on audit findings and recommendations, and to others authorized to receive such reports.

The following apply for the audit services described above:

**Our
Responsibilities**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards require that we plan and perform:

- The audit of the financial statements to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error
- The audit of compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* applicable to each major federal award program to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether noncompliance having a direct and material effect on a major federal award program occurred

We will exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We will obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We will also conclude, based on audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We will obtain an understanding of the entity's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in

accordance with the Uniform Guidance but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that the auditor identified during the audit.

Limitations & Fraud

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit that is planned and conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement or material noncompliance with federal awards programs when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with compliance requirements is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the entity's compliance with the requirements of the federal programs as a whole.

Our understanding of internal control is not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of your internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we identify during the audit.

We are available to perform additional procedures with regard to fraud detection and prevention at your request, subject to completion of our normal engagement acceptance procedures. The actual terms and fees of such an engagement would be documented in a separate contract to be signed by you and Forvis Mazars.

Opinion

Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter paragraph or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, decline to express an opinion or withdraw from the engagement.

If we discover conditions that may prohibit us from issuing a standard report, we will notify you. In such circumstances, further arrangements may be necessary to continue our engagement.

**Your
Responsibilities**

Management and, if applicable, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand their responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of all information provided and for the following:

- **Audit Support** – to provide us with:
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity or within components of the entity (including management, those charged with governance, and component auditors) from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence
 - Information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, including access to information relevant to disclosures
 - Information about events occurring or facts discovered subsequent to the date of the financial statements, of which management may become aware, that may affect the financial statements
 - Information about any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control, and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials
 - Identification and provision of report copies of previous audits, attestation engagements, or other studies that directly relate to the objectives of the audit, including whether related recommendations have been implemented
 - Additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit
- **Internal Control and Compliance** – for the:
 - Design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to compliance with laws and regulations and the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
 - Alignment of internal control to ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported; and that compliance with and identification of the laws, regulations, contracts, grants, or agreements (including any federal award programs) applicable to the entity's activities is achieved
 - Remedy, through timely and appropriate steps, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or other agreements reported by the auditor
 - Establishment and maintenance of processes to track the status and address findings and recommendations of auditors
- **Accounting and Reporting** – for the:
 - Maintenance of adequate records, selection and application of accounting principles, and the safeguard of assets
 - Adjustment of the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirmation to us in the representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole
 - Preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (or other basis if indicated in the contract)
 - Inclusion of the auditors' report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that such financial statements have been audited by us
 - Distribution of audit reports to any necessary parties

The results of our tests of compliance and internal control over financial reporting performed in connection with our audit of the financial statements may not fully meet the reasonable needs of report users. Management is responsible for obtaining audits, examinations, agreed-upon procedures, or other engagements that satisfy relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements or fully meet other reasonable user needs.

**Required
Supplementary
Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information ("RSI") to accompany the basic financial statements. We understand the following RSI will accompany the basic financial statements:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A")
2. Budgetary comparison
3. Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit information

Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Management is responsible for the fair presentation of the RSI. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the RSI in GAAS. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements.

We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Supplementary
Information**

With regard to any supplementary information that we are engaged to report on:

- Management is responsible for its preparation in accordance with applicable criteria
- Management will provide certain written representations regarding the supplementary information at the conclusion of our engagement
- Management will include our report on this supplementary information in any document that contains this supplementary information and indicates we have reported on the supplementary information
- Management will make the supplementary information readily available to intended users if it is not presented with the audited financial statements

Such information is:

- Presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the financial statements
- Not a required part of the financial statements
- The responsibility of management
- Subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS

**Written
Confirmations
Required**

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, if applicable, those charged with governance written confirmation acknowledging certain responsibilities outlined in this contract and confirming:

- The availability of this information
- Certain representations made during the audit for all periods presented
- The effects of any uncorrected misstatements, if any, resulting from errors or fraud aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole

**Peer Review
Report**

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract, upon request. If you would like a copy, please request from your engagement executive.

Forvis Mazars, LLP Terms and Conditions Addendum

GENERAL

1. **Overview.** This addendum describes **Forvis Mazars, LLP's** standard terms and conditions ("Terms and Conditions") applicable to Our provision of services to the Client ("You"). The Terms and Conditions are a part of the contract between You and Forvis Mazars, LLP. For the purposes of the Terms and Conditions, any reference to "Firm," "We," "Us," or "Our" is a reference to Forvis Mazars, LLP ("Forvis Mazars"), and any reference to "You" or "Your" is a reference to the party or parties that have engaged Us to provide services and the party or parties ultimately responsible for payment of Our fees and costs.

BILLING, PAYMENT, & TERMINATION

2. **Billing and Payment Terms.** We will bill You for Our professional fees and costs as outlined in Our contract. Unless otherwise provided in Our contract, payment is due upon receipt of Our billing statement. Interest will be charged on any unpaid balance after 30 days at the rate of 10 percent per annum, or as allowed by law at the earliest date thereafter, and highest applicable rate if less than 10 percent. All fees, charges, and other amounts payable to Forvis Mazars hereunder do not include any sales, use, excise, value-added, or other applicable taxes, tariffs, or duties, payment of which shall be Your sole responsibility, and do not include any applicable taxes based on Forvis Mazars' net income or taxes arising from the employment or independent contractor relationship between Forvis Mazars and Forvis Mazars' personnel.

We reserve the right to suspend or terminate Our work for this engagement or any other engagement for nonpayment of fees. If Our work is suspended or terminated, You agree that We will not be responsible for Your failure to meet governmental and other deadlines, for any penalties or interest that may be assessed against You resulting from Your failure to meet such deadlines, and for any other damages (including but not limited to consequential, indirect, lost profits, or punitive damages) incurred as a result of the suspension or termination of Our services.

Our fees may increase if Our duties or responsibilities are increased by rulemaking of any regulatory body or any additional new accounting or auditing standards. Our engagement fees do not include any time for post-engagement consultation with Your personnel or third parties, consent letters and related procedures for the use of Our reports in offering documents, inquiries from regulators, or testimony or deposition regarding any subpoena. Charges for such services will be billed separately.

3. **Billing Records.** If these services are determined to be within the scope and authority of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act, We agree to make available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or to the U.S. Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, such of Our books, documents, and records that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of Our services, until the expiration of four (4) years after the furnishing of these services. This contract allows access to contracts of a similar nature between

subcontractors and related organizations of the subcontractor, and to their books, documents, and records.

4. **Termination.** Either party may terminate these services in good faith at any time for any reason, including Your failure to comply with the terms of Our contract or as We determine professional standards require. Both parties must agree, in writing, to any future modifications or extensions. If services are terminated, You agree to pay Forvis Mazars for time expended to date. In addition, You will be billed costs and fees for services from other professionals, if any, as well as an administrative fee of five (5) percent to cover certain technology and administrative costs associated with Our services. Unless terminated sooner in accordance with its terms, this engagement shall terminate upon the completion of Forvis Mazars' services hereunder.

DISPUTES & DISCLAIMERS

5. **Mediation.** Any dispute arising out of or related to this engagement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted for nonbinding mediation upon written request by either party. Both parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute in mediation. The mediator will be selected by agreement of the parties. The mediation proceeding shall be confidential. Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation, but the fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally.
6. **Indemnification.** Unless disallowed by law or applicable professional standards, You agree to hold Forvis Mazars harmless from any and all claims which arise from knowing misrepresentations to Forvis Mazars, or the intentional withholding or concealment of information from Forvis Mazars by Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. You also agree to indemnify Forvis Mazars for any claims made against Forvis Mazars by third parties, which arise from any wrongful actions of Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of the nature of the claim.
7. **Statute of Limitations.** You agree that any claim or legal action arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder shall be commenced no more than one (1) year from the date of delivery of the work product to You or the termination of the services described herein (whichever is earlier), regardless of any statute of limitations prescribing a longer period of time for commencing such a claim under law. This time limitation shall apply regardless of whether Forvis Mazars performs other or subsequent services for You. A claim is understood to be a demand for money or services, demand for mediation, or the service of suit based on a breach of this contract or the acts or omissions of Forvis Mazars in performing the services provided herein. This provision shall not apply if enforcement is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.
8. **Limitation of Liability.** You agree that Forvis Mazars' liability, if any, arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder, shall be limited to the amount of the fees paid by You for services rendered under this contract. This

limitation shall not apply to the extent it is finally, judicially determined that the liability resulted from the intentional or willful misconduct of Forvis Mazars or if enforcement of this provision is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.

9. **Waiver of Certain Damages.** In no event shall Forvis Mazars be liable to You or a third party for any indirect, special, consequential, punitive, or exemplary damages, including but not limited to lost profits, loss of revenue, interruption, loss of use, damage to goodwill or reputation, regardless of whether You were advised of the possibility of such damages, regardless of whether such damages were reasonably foreseeable, and regardless of whether such damages arise under a theory of contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise.
10. **Choice of Law.** You acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of or related to this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
11. **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE NOT TO ELECT A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUE TRIABLE OF RIGHT BY JURY, AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY FULLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY SUCH RIGHT SHALL NOW OR HEREAFTER EXIST WITH REGARD TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, OR OTHER ACTION ARISING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. THIS WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IS GIVEN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY BY THE PARTIES, AND IS INTENDED TO ENCOMPASS INDIVIDUALLY EACH INSTANCE AND EACH ISSUE AS TO WHICH THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY WOULD OTHERWISE ACCRUE.**
12. **Severability.** In the event that any term or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected, and each such term and provision of this agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
13. **Assignment.** You acknowledge and agree that the terms and conditions of this contract shall be binding upon and inure to the parties' successors and assigns, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
14. **Disclaimer of Legal or Investment Advice.** Our services do not constitute legal or investment advice. You should seek the advice of legal counsel in such matters. Regulatory authorities may interpret circumstances differently than We do. In addition, the applicable laws, regulations, and regulators' enforcement activities may change over time.

RECORDS, WORKPAPERS, DELIVERABLES, & PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

15. **Maintenance of Records.** You agree to assume full responsibility for maintaining Your original data and records and that Forvis Mazars has no responsibility to maintain this information. You agree You will not rely on Forvis Mazars to provide hosting, electronic security, or backup services, *e.g.*, business continuity or disaster recovery services, to You unless separately engaged to do so. You understand that Your access to data, records, and information from Forvis Mazars' servers, *i.e.*, Forvis Mazars portals used to exchange information, can

be terminated at any time and You will not rely on using this to host Your data and records.

16. **Forvis Mazars Workpapers.** Our workpapers and documentation retained in any form of media for this engagement are the property of Forvis Mazars. We can be compelled to provide information under legal process. In addition, We may be requested by regulatory or enforcement bodies (including any State Board) to make certain workpapers available to them pursuant to authority granted by law or regulation. Unless We are prohibited from doing so by law or regulation, Forvis Mazars will inform You of any such legal process or request. You agree We have no legal responsibility to You in the event We determine We are obligated to provide such documents or information.
17. **Subpoenas or Other Legal Process.** In the event Forvis Mazars is required to respond to any such subpoena, court order, or any government regulatory inquiry or other legal process relating to You or Your management for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information We obtained or prepared incident to this or any other engagement in a matter in which Forvis Mazars is not a party, You shall compensate Forvis Mazars for all time We expend in connection with such response at normal and customary hourly rates and to reimburse Us for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred in regard to such response.
18. **Use of Deliverables and Drafts.** You agree You will not modify any deliverables or drafts prepared by Us for internal use or for distribution to third parties. You also understand that We may on occasion send You documents marked as draft and understand that those are for Your review purpose only, should not be distributed in any way, and should be destroyed as soon as possible.

Our report on any financial statements must be associated only with the financial statements that were the subject of Our engagement. You may make copies of Our report, but only if the entire financial statements (exactly as attached to Our report, including related footnotes) and any supplementary information, as appropriate, are reproduced and distributed with Our report. You agree not to reproduce or associate Our report with any other financial statements, or portions thereof, that are not the subject of Our engagement.

19. **Proprietary Information.** You acknowledge that proprietary information, documents, materials, management techniques, and other intellectual property are a material source of the services We perform and were developed prior to Our association with You. Any new forms, software, documents, or intellectual property We develop during this engagement for Your use shall belong to Us, and You shall have the limited right to use them solely within Your business. All reports, templates, manuals, forms, checklists, questionnaires, letters, agreements, and other documents which We make available to You are confidential and proprietary to Us. Neither You, nor any of Your agents, will copy, electronically store, reproduce, or make any such documents available to anyone other than Your personnel. This provision will apply to all materials whether in digital, "hard copy" format, or other medium.

REGULATORY

20. **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and other Regulatory Bodies.** Where We are providing services either for (a) an entity that is registered with the SEC, (b) an affiliate of such registrant, or (c) an entity or affiliate that is subject to rules, regulations, or standards beyond those of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), any term of this contract that would be prohibited by or impair Our independence under applicable law or regulation shall not apply to the extent necessary only to avoid such prohibition or impairment.

21. **Offering Document.** You may wish to include Our report(s) on financial statements in an exempt offering document. You agree that any report, including any auditor's report, or reference to Our firm, will not be included in any such offering document without notifying Us. Any agreement to perform work in connection with an exempt offering document, including providing agreement for the use of the auditor's report in the exempt offering document, will be a separate engagement.

Any exempt offering document issued by You with which We are not involved will clearly indicate that We are not involved by including a disclosure such as, "Forvis Mazars, LLP, our independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. Forvis Mazars, LLP also has not performed any procedures relating to this offering document."

22. **Forvis Mazars Not a Municipal Advisor.** Forvis Mazars is not acting as Your municipal advisor under Section 15B of the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended. As such, Forvis Mazars is not recommending any action to You and does not owe You a fiduciary duty with respect to any information or communications regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities. You should discuss such matters with internal or external advisors and experts You deem appropriate before acting on any such information or material provided by Forvis Mazars.

23. **Forvis Mazars Not a Fiduciary.** In providing Our attest services, We are required by law and our professional standards to maintain our independence from You. We take this mandate very seriously and thus guard against impermissible relationships which may impair the very independence which You and the users of Our report require. As such, You should not place upon Us special confidence that in the performance of Our attest services We will act solely in Your interest. Therefore, You acknowledge and agree We are not in a fiduciary relationship with You and We have no fiduciary responsibilities to You in the performance of Our services described herein.

TECHNOLOGY

24. **Electronic Sites.** You agree to notify Us if You desire to place Our report(s), including any reports on Your financial statements, along with other information, such as a report by management or those charged with governance on operations, financial summaries or highlights, financial ratios, etc., on an electronic site. You recognize that We have no responsibility to review information contained in electronic sites.

25. **Electronic Signatures and Counterparts.** This contract and other documents to be delivered pursuant to this contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement or document, and will be effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties. Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this contract are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Delivery of a copy of this contract or any other document contemplated hereby, bearing an original manual or electronic signature by facsimile transmission (including a facsimile delivered via the internet), by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") or similar format intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, or through the use of electronic signature software, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original signature.

26. **Electronic Data Communication and Storage.** In the interest of facilitating Our services to You, We may send data over the internet, temporarily store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the internet, or utilize cloud-based storage. Your confidential electronic data may be transmitted or stored using these methods. In using these data communication and storage methods, We employ measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and electronic data secure in accordance with Our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

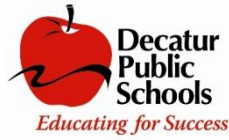
You recognize and accept that We have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or electronic data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by Us. You consent to Our use of these electronic devices and applications during this engagement.

OTHER MATTERS

27. **Cooperation.** You agree to cooperate with Forvis Mazars in the performance of Forvis Mazars' services to You, including the provision to Forvis Mazars of reasonable facilities and timely access to Your data, information, and personnel. You shall be responsible for the performance of Your employees and agents.

28. **Third-Party Service Providers.** Forvis Mazars may from time to time utilize third-party service providers, including but not limited to domestic software processors or legal counsel, or disclose confidential information about You to third-party service providers in serving Your account. Forvis Mazars maintains, however, internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality and security of Your information. In addition, Forvis Mazars will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of Your information. If We are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, You will be asked to consent prior to Forvis Mazars sharing Your confidential information with the third-party service provider.

29. **Independent Contractor.** When providing services to You, We will be functioning as an independent contractor; and in no event will We or any of Our employees be an officer of You, nor will Our relationship be that of joint venturers, partners, employer and employee, principal and agent, or any similar relationship giving rise to a fiduciary duty to You. Decisions regarding management of Your business remain the responsibility of Your personnel at all times. Neither You nor Forvis Mazars shall act or represent itself, directly or by implication, as an agent of the other or in any manner assume or create any obligation on behalf of, or in the name of, the other.
30. **Hiring of Forvis Mazars Personnel.** We ask that You respect the employment relationship that Our personnel have with Our firm and to refrain from any employment offers to Forvis Mazars personnel. However, if You find it necessary to make an offer of employment and if it is accepted, during the term of this engagement and for a period of 18 months after Forvis Mazars stops providing services, You agree that We will be paid a one-time employment fee equal to 100 percent of the employee's highest annual salary. This fee will be payable prior to Our personnel commencing employment with You. Provided, however, You shall not be in violation of the nonsolicitation covenant set forth herein with respect to any position You advertise in the form of a general solicitation not delivered to or focused upon any single individual.
31. **Use of Forvis Mazars Name.** Any time You intend to reference Forvis Mazars' firm name in any manner in any published materials, including on an electronic site, You agree to provide Us with draft materials for review and approval before publishing or posting such information.
32. **Network.** Forvis Mazars, LLP is a Delaware limited liability partnership and an independent member of Forvis Mazars Global Ltd., a leading global professional services network. Forvis Mazars Global Ltd. is a United Kingdom company limited by guarantee and does not provide any services to clients.
33. **Entire Agreement.** The contract, including this Terms and Conditions Addendum and any other attachments or addenda, encompasses the entire agreement between You and Forvis Mazars and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the parties, whether oral or written. Any modification to the terms of this contract must be made in writing and signed by both You and Forvis Mazars.
34. **Force Majeure.** We shall not be held responsible for any failure to fulfill Our obligations if such failure was caused by circumstances beyond Our control, including, without limitation, fire or other casualty, act of God, act of terrorism, strike or labor dispute, war or other violence, explosion, flood or other natural catastrophe, epidemic or pandemic, or any law, order, or requirement of any governmental agency or authority affecting either party, including without limitation orders incident to any such epidemic or pandemic, lockdown orders, stay-at-home orders, and curfews.



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Aramark (ARA) Food Service Contract Renewal for 2025-2026
Initiated By: Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer	Attachments: Aramark (ARA) Food Service Contract Renewal for 2025-2026
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current Aramark Services contract for food service expires on June 30, 2025. The attached renewal will extend the contract for one year – July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Aramark has met all contractual obligations for 2024-2025.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The renewal rate from Aramark for the 2025 – 2026 year is a 3% increase over the prior year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the Aramark (ARA) Food Service Renewal Contract for the School Year 2025-2026 as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

Date of Original Contract: 7/1/2024

Year of Renewal (check the appropriate box)

☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Service Management Company Child Nutrition Programs

This document contains the rates and fees for the contract of food service management for nonprofit food service programs for the period beginning 7/1/2025, and ending 6/30/2026. The terms and conditions of the original contract are applicable to the contract renewal. Upon acceptance, this document shall constitute the contract renewal between the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) and the School Food Authority (SFA).

The FSMC shall not plead misunderstanding or deception because of the character, location, or other conditions pertaining to the contract.

School Year 2025-2026 A la carte equivalency factor is \$5.03.

PER MEAL PRICES MUST BE QUOTED AS IF NO USDA COMMODITIES WILL BE RECEIVED

	2024-2025 Rate(s)	2025-2026 Rate(s)**	Percentage Increase ***
School Nutrition Programs (SNP)			
Reimbursable Breakfast w/ Milk	\$2.3100	\$2.3793	3.0%
Reimbursable Lunch w/ Milk*	\$3.9908	\$4.1105	3.0%
A la Carte Equivalent Meal Rate*	\$3.9908	\$4.1105	3.0%
Reimbursable After School Snack			
Special Milk Program (SMP)	\$0.40	\$ 0.4120	3.0%
Management Fee per School Meal (Breakfast and Lunch)			

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Reimbursable At-Risk After School Snack	\$ 1.2300	\$ 1.2669	3.0%
Reimbursable At-Risk After School Supper w/ Milk	\$ 3.9908	\$ 4.1105	3.0%
Reimbursable AM/PM Snack (Pre-K)			

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)			
Reimbursable Breakfast w/ Milk	\$ 2.3100	\$ 2.3793	3.0%
Reimbursable Lunch w/ Milk	\$ 3.9908	\$ 4.1105	3.0%

*Rates must be the same.

**Rates must not be rounded up. Do not exceed four decimal places.

***Percentage increase must not exceed the allowable increase established in the original contract.

Aramark Educational Services, LLC

Food Service Management Company

2400 Market Street

Street Address

Philadelphia

City

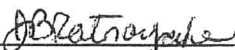
PA

State

19103

Zip Code

By submission of this proposed renewal agreement, the FSMC certifies that, in the event they receive a renewal award under this solicitation, the FSMC shall operate in accordance with all applicable current program regulations. This agreement shall not exceed one calendar year.



Authorized Signature of FSMC

Regional Vice President

Title

3/20/25

Date

SFA Acceptance of FSMC Contract Renewal Agreement

Decatur Public School District #61

39-055-0610-25

School Food Authority (SFA)

Agreement Number (RCDT Code)

Authorized Signature of SFA

Title

Date

Contract Renewal Agreement Certification Form

The *Contract Renewal Agreement Certification Statement* must be completed and signed by the School Food Authority's (SFA's) authorized representative.

A. School Food Authority Information

Agreement Number (RCDT Code) 39-055-0610-25

School Food Authority: Decatur Public School District #61

FSMC Name Aramark Educational Services, LLC

B. Contract Renewal Terms

Per the contract renewal terms stated in the contract, the maximum allowable percentage increase that may be applied to the fixed meal rates and fixed management fees is as follows (**refer to the original contract for renewal terms; check the appropriate box**):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CPI-All (Dec) | 2.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPI-Food Away from Home (Dec) | 3.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPI-Food (Dec) | 2.5% |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPI-Food Away from Home (Dec) | not to exceed 3 % |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | |

Source: Consumer Price Index- December 2024

C. Certification Statement

Under the provisions of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, I certify as a sponsor in the Child Nutrition Programs all information contained in the executed *Contract Renewal Agreement* and accompanying contract renewal documents is true and accurate.

I understand the nonprofit school food service program account cannot be used to pay for unallowable contract costs. As authorized representative for the school food authority noted above, I will ensure operation of the nonprofit school food service program, including use of nonprofit school food service program account funds, is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Illinois State Board of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture regarding Child Nutrition Programs.

I understand revisions cannot be made to the executed FSMC Contract without first submitting proposed revisions to the Illinois State Board of Education for review and receiving written notification the proposed revisions are allowable within the regulatory guidelines. Furthermore, I understand additional documents and/or agreements, including those developed by the contractor, cannot become part of the executed contract.

I understand all contract information provided to the Illinois State Board of Education is being given in connection with the receipt of federal funds and deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal criminal statutes. Further, I understand such misrepresentation could result in the loss of federal and state funding received by the school food authority for School-Based Child Nutrition Programs.

I certify the Contract Renewals documents submitted to ISBE have been reviewed by the School Food Authority and the School Food Authority's legal counsel, as deemed necessary, to ensure compliance with all Local, State and Federal regulations, statutes, and policies.

I certify that no third-party entity prepared the contract renewal documents, requested amendments, and USDA foods entitlement utilization data below.

I certify that all contract provisions, including those relating to USDA Foods utilization by the FSMC to the maximum extent possible have been met:

School Year 2024-25 <u>USDA Foods Entitlement</u> Amount (including Bonus)	(A)	\$ <u>328,288.05</u>
School Year 2024-25 USDA Foods credits issued to the SFA by the FSMC	(B)	\$ <u>263,528.96</u>
USDA Foods Entitlement Utilization Percentage as of 3/11/2025	(B / A) %	<u>80.3%</u>

****Date of certification must be as of the date contract renewal is signed based on year-to-date actual credits received by the FSMC as verified by monthly invoices****

_____ SFA Authorized Representative Signature	_____ Title	_____ E-mail	_____ Date
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D. Required Documentation

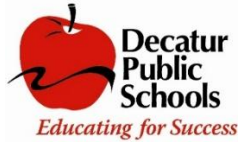
The SFA must submit signed copies of the following documents to our office, prior to the expiration of your current contract, in order to obtain approval of your 2026 Child Nutrition Program Sponsor Application. Originals should be retained in your files. Send the forms and documents only once; for example, do not email and mail.

- Contract Renewal Agreement (pages 1-2)
- Contract Renewal Agreement Certification Form (pages 3-4)
- USDA Foods Entitlement Tracking Log. **THIS IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SFA NOT THE FSMC.**
- Copy of the SFA – FSMC Monitoring form(s). **THIS IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SFA NOT THE FSMC.**
- Certification forms, as applicable, signed annually by the contractor.
 - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions,
 - Certificate Regarding Lobbying—Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements,
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities-

Mail or email to:

Nutrition Department
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street W270
Springfield, IL 62777-0001

Email: NutritionProcurement@isbe.net



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: Purchase of a New Vehicle
Initiated By: Floyd Bolt, (Interim) Director of Building and Grounds and Caleb Allen, Maintenance Supervisor	Attachments: Bid Results
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent, and Dr. Michael Curry, Chief Operations Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Decatur Public Schools is seeking to purchase a 2025 Ford F250 Super Duty. The purchase of this vehicle replaces a 2016 Ford Super Duty that was involved in an accident. Due to the amount of overall damage and the comparable units collected by Gallagher Bassett's, their disposition is to consider the truck a total loss. The vehicle's value came out to \$25,137.54 minus the \$2,500.00 deductible plus \$95.00 tow bill totaling \$22,732.54.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The Decatur Public Schools has received a settlement check in the amount of \$22,732.54, which will be applied to the purchase price of the new 2025 Ford F250 Super Duty. Bids were solicited to replace with a comparable vehicle. Three bids were received, ranging from \$51,440.00 to \$52,990. The lowest responsible bid was from Bob Ridings – Taylorville in the amount of \$51,440.00.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

These services will be paid out of Fund 20 – Operations and Maintenance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education accept the proposal to purchase a 2025 Ford F250 Super Duty from Bob Ridings – Taylorville in the amount of \$51,440 as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION:_____

One(1) New 2025 Ford F250 Pickup Truck

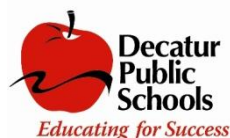
Bid Request# 2025-6

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Copies to: Caleb Allen and Joanie Watson

Authorized person opening bid: Joanie Watson - Coordinator of Purchasing

<u>VENDOR NAME:</u>	<u>1) Bob Ridings in Springfield</u>	<u>2) Landmark Ford in Springfield</u>	<u>Vendors who did not bid:</u>
<u>ITEM MAKE:</u>	<u>2025 Ford F250 Crew Cab</u>	<u>2025 Ford F250 Crew Cab</u>	<u>Enterprise Fleet Management</u> <u>Jackson Ford</u>
<u>ITEM MODEL:</u>	<u>4 x 4 W2B Pickup with 6.75 ft.</u> <u>short bed</u>	<u>4 x 4 W2B Pickup with 6.75 ft.</u> <u>short bed</u>	
<u>DELIVERED COST:</u>	<u>\$51,440.00</u>	<u>\$52,990.00</u>	
<u>DELIVERY DATE:</u>	<u>12 weeks</u>	<u>8 weeks</u>	
<u>TERMS:</u>	<u>Net 30 days</u>	<u>Net 30 days</u>	
<u>NOTES:</u>	<u>See options available</u>	<u>Includes 5 year/100,000 mile</u> <u>limited powertrain warranty</u>	



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: April 22, 2025	Subject: One-Year Contract Renewal for Alltown Bus Company
Initiated By: Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operations Officer	Attachments: Decatur Extension FY26
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District is in the final year of a three-year agreement with Alltown for student transportation services. Alltown has provided a one-year contract renewal for the 25-26 school year.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The FY26 increases are provided below. For FY 26 the District has included liquidated damages for the provider to pay when the company fails to meet certain specifications. These are noted in the renewal agreement.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Home to School Routes	Unit Costs Per Day	Percentage Increase
Cost per bus per day	\$409.50	5%
Additional Hours	Per Hour	
Addition to Existing Routes	\$48.83	5%
Additional Service Hours (Noons)	\$52.24	5%
Bus Attendants	Per Hour	
Attendants	\$31.25	35%
Charters (two hour minimum)	Unit Cost Per Day	
Hourly Rate	\$70.35	5%

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the one-year contract renewal with Alltown Bus Company as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

EXTENSION AMENDMENT

Terms: Both parties have mutually agreed to new pricing for the 2025-26 school year. These terms and conditions are outlined in this amendment. The pricing page is included in this extension amendment. The agreement will end on June 30, 2026, unless both parties mutually agree to extend the agreement.

Amendment Terms:

- Pricing increases as stated below.
- Both parties agree that the current contract agreement document will remain in effect, outlining operational expectations.
- Notwithstanding any contrary statements in the Proposal or in any documents incorporated therein by reference, in the event any federal, state, local or other government body's statutes, laws, rules, or regulations materially impact Contractor's methods and/or costs in connection with the provision of services hereunder (e.g., changes in healthcare or other benefits requirements, changes labor wage mandates, changes in equipment requirements, changes in services requirements such as changing from a five day week to a four day week, changes in unemployment insurance benefit requirements, changes to seat belt regulations or mandates, etc.) during the term of the Agreement, Contractor, upon written notice to District, may request a renegotiation of this Agreement which shall be conducted in good faith. Such renegotiations may include, without limitation, changes in rates, terms, payment schedules, levels of service, and the type or number of vehicles to be used. Any modification to this Agreement resulting from such renegotiations shall become effective on a mutually agreed upon date.
- The Contractor will agree to the following liquidated damages:
 - ☛ Unreported accident with students on bus within 30 minutes of accident. \$100/occurrence
 - ☛ Buses 11-20 minutes late to the first tier. \$50/occurrence
 - ☛ Buses 20 minutes late to the first tier. \$100/occurrence
 - ☛ Buses 11-30 minutes late to a field trip/charter. \$50/occurrence
 - ☛ Buses 30 minutes late or missed to a field trip/charter. \$100/occurrence
 - ☛ Failure to provide the requested video within 48 business hours after receipt of request or operating a bus with an inoperable video camera system. \$100
 - ☛ Releasing students to unauthorized adult or no adult. \$100/occurrence
 - ☛ Bus operating without fully functioning camera and/ or GPS/tracking equipment \$50/first five (5), \$100/6th occurrence.
 - ☛ Vendor operates a route without completing a student check on a bus. \$100/occurrence
 - ☛ Operating a route without a proper route sheet. \$25/occurrence
 - ☛ Driver discharging a student from the bus that is not the student's designated stop. \$50/occurrence

- Contractor shall be excused from performance hereunder, and district shall not be allowed to levy any damages or penalties, liquidated or otherwise during the time and to the extent that contractor is prevented from performing in the customary manner by an act of God, fire, flood, war, riot, civil disturbance, state of emergency, terrorism, epidemic, quarantine, strike, lockout, labor dispute, oil or fuel shortage, freight embargo, rationing or unavailability of materials or products, loss of transportation facilities, commandeering of equipment, materials, products, plants, or facilities by the Government, or any other occurrence which is beyond the control of contractor. In the event the contractor is unable to provide transportation services for the reasons described above and the district takes over buses during a Force Majeure event, the district shall insure that the drivers are properly licensed, and the district must carry the same insurance as required by the contractor. The contractor shall inform the district when the contractor is able to resume its regular operations.
- Tolls, parking fees, etc. will be passed through to the school.

Pricing Terms (2025-26 School Year):

A. Home to School Routes	Unit Cost Per Day
Cost per bus per day	\$409.50
B. Additional Hours	Per Hour
Addition to Existing Routes	\$48.83
Additional Service Hours (Noons)	\$52.24
C. Bus Attendants	Per Hour
Attendants	\$31.25
E. Charters (two Hour Minimum)	Unit Cost Per Day
Hourly Rate	\$70.35

Notices. Notices to either party to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered duly served and delivered if such notice is (a) delivered by hand; (b) sent via a nationally recognized overnight mail service (treated as given upon receipt); or (c) emailed. All such notices shall be addressed (or emailed) to:

DISTRICT: Decatur Public Schools District #61
Attn: Dr. Michael Curry, Chief Operating Officer.
101 W. Cerro Gordo St.
Decatur, Illinois 62523

CONTRACTOR: Alltown Bus Services, Inc.
Senior Vice President of Operations
7300 St. Louis
Skokie, IL 60076

COPY: Alltown Bus Services, Inc.
c/o Beacon Mobility
Director of Administration
3700 Embassy Parkway Suite 500
Akron, OH 44333

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, to be effective as of the date written above.

Printed Name

Alltown Bus Services, Inc.

Date

Printed Name

Decatur Public Schools #61

Date

Jill R. Reedy
Regional Superintendent

Dr. Nancy Brodbeck
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Zakry Standerfer
Assistant Superintendent

3433 Rupp Parkway
Decatur, IL 62526
Phone: 217-872-3721
Fax: 217-872-0240



April 17, 2025

Dear Macon/Piatt District Superintendents,

Over the past several years, we've developed a continuum of services to support the most under-resourced youth and families across ROE #39.

Our Mission

The Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education is dedicated to leading, serving, and promoting quality educational programs that ensure academic achievement and excellence.

Continuum of Services

As your partner, we recognize the wide-ranging needs of students and families and offer the following programs to support them:

- **Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP):** For students in grades 6–12 who are suspended, at risk of expulsion, or expelled. Offers an intensive academic program with mental health supports (Milligan Academy).
- **Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program (TAOEP):** For students not on track to graduate with their peers. Focuses on social-emotional learning and credit recovery (Futures Unlimited).
- **Option Three Alternative Program:** For students ages 14–16 who are chronically truant due to social anxiety or other barriers. This flexible, non-traditional program depends on funding and student need.

Enclosed is the FY2026 Intergovernmental Agreement between ROE #39 and your district for participation in one or more of these programs.

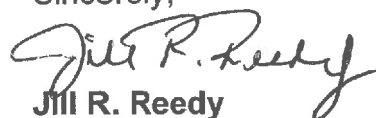
Please ensure a school board representative or designee signs and checks all programs your district may wish to utilize for the 2025–2026 school year. We recommend selecting all three programs to maintain flexibility throughout the year. Districts not selecting a program now will be unable to access it later in the school year.

For questions:

- **RSSP or TAOEP:** Contact Brian Plummer – bplummer@roe39.org | (217) 362-3080
- **Option Three:** Contact Crystal Whetstone – cwhetstone@roe39.org | (217) 362-3080

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students and families.

Sincerely,


Jill R. Reedy

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 2025-2026

This agreement is executed between:

Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #39

Represented by:


Regional Superintendent

4/16/2025
Date

in collaboration with

School District: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Represented by:

President, Board of Education

Date

District Superintendent

Date

To allow students to be enrolled in: (please initial boxes that apply)

Alternative Education Program	Bd. Pres.	Supt.
Futures Unlimited (TAOEP)		
Milligan Academy (RSSP)		
Option Three Alternative Program		

Futures Unlimited – TAOEP (ages 16+)

Whereas: All students are entitled to and required by law to attend school up to and including the age of seventeen.

Whereas: Some students have fallen behind academically due to poor attendance and need opportunities to catch up.

Whereas: Student academic progress in a regular school setting can be impeded due to compounding circumstances.

Therefore, the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #39 (ROE 39), and specifically, Futures Unlimited, will provide students in Macon and Piatt counties, alternative educational programs devised to assist students in achieving success by improving life skills, developing self-confidence, and growing educationally.

A. Futures Unlimited, also known as the serving school, agrees to:

1. Prepare a school calendar in accordance with all regulations in the Illinois School Code relating to the school calendar.
2. Expect the student to attend school every day (180 days) or provide a valid excuse. Futures Unlimited will enforce the truancy laws when applicable.
3. Enroll the student in a daily high school program unless a student's needs dictate specific time parameters.
4. Keep complete records of the student's progress and report back to the home school each year the success/failure of the student and re-enroll the student for the coming school year.
5. Provide a comprehensive educational program subject to the statutory and regulatory graduation minimums required in the School Code of Illinois and in 23 Illinois Administrative Code.
6. Administer the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) in reading and mathematics, to determine placement and establish growth outcomes.

B. The District, also known as the home school, agrees to:

1. Plan with the student, parent, a representative from Futures Unlimited, and a representative of the home school an Individual Optional Educational Plan (IOEP) and achievement schedule, which if successfully completed by the student, will result in the awarding of a high school diploma by the home school. All regular education students, successfully completing the requirements for graduation, will result in the awarding of a high school diploma by the home school.
2. Allow the Regional Office of Education to enroll and claim this student for the purpose of collecting state funding.

3. The home school will provide a diploma for this student. It is at the home school's discretion whether the student participates in the home school's graduation ceremonies.
4. Futures Unlimited is a voluntary, alternative program. Placement must be accepted by the student, parent/guardian, home school, and Futures Unlimited.
5. If the student returns to his/her home school, the local district will accept the credit at full value.

C. Both parties agree to the following graduation requirements:

1. Minimum requirements that meet state standards.
2. Students enrolled will not graduate earlier than one semester before the graduating class to which he/she would belong (according to the student's birth date) in their respective home school. Exceptions to this agreement may be mutually agreed upon by the home school representatives and the director of Futures Unlimited.
3. Revisiting and revising the Service Agreement between Milligan Academy and the School District, annually when necessary.

Milligan Academy – RSSP (6th -12th grade)

Whereas: All students are entitled and required by law to attend school up to and including the age of seventeen.

Whereas: A regular school setting is no longer a viable option for academic success for students exhibiting disruptive behaviors.

Therefore: The Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #39 (ROE 39) specifically the Milligan Academy: Regional Safe School Program, and the school district listed below agree to an alternative education program as authorized by **Article 13A of The Illinois School Code** to be arranged for individual students as mutually agreed upon.

A. Milligan Academy: Regional Safe School Program, also known as the serving school, agrees to:

1. Provide a comprehensive Individual Optional Education Program (IOEP) subject to statutory and regulatory graduation minimum requirements called for in the **State School Code of Illinois and Illinois Administrative Code 23**.
2. Administer various assessment tools to each student to determine the educational needs of that student and use that information to design an IOEP to address the needs.
3. Prepare a school calendar in accordance with all regulations in the Illinois State School Code relating to the school calendar.
4. Expect all students to attend school every day or provide a valid reason/excuse. Milligan Academy will enforce all truancy laws.

5. Enroll the student all day or on an abbreviated schedule as called for by the IOEP.
6. Keep complete records of the student's progress and report back to the home school each year the success or failure of the student and re-enroll the student for the coming year until graduation or transfer back to the home school.
7. Recommend when, and if, a student is capable of returning to his/her home school. Students may enter or exit the program at the end of a complete semester as long as all requirements stated in this agreement and the students' IOEP are met.
8. Use all available local, state, federal, and private social agencies to address behavior problems or concerns. Mentoring, tutoring, and counseling will be an active and important part of each student's program.
9. Sponsor a graduation ceremony through the Regional Office of Education at least once a year for all graduates. However, if the student and home school can agree the student may be excused from the Regional Office of Education ceremony and return to his/her home school for graduation.

B. The District, also known as the home school, agrees to:

1. Complete in full all forms and supply any additional information to Milligan Academy: Regional Safe School Program about a transferred student so a proper IOEP can be developed.
2. Designate a staff member to plan with the student, parent, and a representative of Milligan Academy a suitable Individual Optional Education Program. If the IOEP is successfully completed, the student may be administratively transferred back to his home school for additional schooling or remain in a Regional Office of Education program until graduation.
3. Prepare a diploma for each student who accumulates the necessary minimum State of Illinois graduation requirements (ILCS 5/27-22) based on a transcript issued by the program in which the student is enrolled.
4. Accept without exception all credits awarded to students as soon as they return to the home school.
5. Discontinue expulsion procedures upon the acceptance of a transferred student in the alternative program. The district can continue expulsion procedures at a later date if Milligan Academy: Regional Safe School Program fails to accomplish the terms of the IOEP or agreements made with the parent/student or unless the home school district chooses other alternatives.
6. Allow the Regional Office of Education to enroll and claim this student for the purpose of collecting state funding. Pay tuition at a rate of \$25.00 per day of enrollment to be billed at the end of each quarter.
7. Provide transportation for administratively transferred students.
8. **Limitations:** Transferred students enrolled in Milligan Academy: Regional Safe School Program will not graduate earlier than the class to which he/she belonged in the home school. Exception: The IOEP provides the opportunity for a student who enters the program as a

junior high school student, if not too far behind academically, to apply himself in the program and qualify for graduation earlier than his class. As soon as the Regional Office of Education recognizes that a student is intending to do this, the home school, student, parents, and school representative will meet to discuss alternatives to early graduation. This program is an alternative program and cannot be interpreted as an accelerated program.

C. Both parties agree to the following graduation requirements:

1. Minimum requirements that meet state standards.
2. No opportunity to graduate earlier than one semester before the graduating class to which he/she would belong (according to the student's birth date) in their respective home school. Exceptions to this agreement may be mutually agreed upon by the home school representatives and the Director of Futures Unlimited.
3. Revisiting and revising the Service Agreement between Futures Unlimited and the School District, annually when necessary.

Option Three— (ages 14-16)

Whereas: All students are entitled to and required by law to attend school up to and including the age of seventeen.

Whereas: Some students have fallen behind academically due to mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression and need opportunities to catch up.

Whereas: Student academic progress in a regular school setting can be impeded due to poor attendance, social anxiety, limited coping strategies, and compounding circumstances.

Therefore, the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #39 (ROE 39), and specifically, Option Three will provide students in Macon and Piatt counties an alternative educational program based on SEL competencies and devised to assist students in achieving success by improving life skills, developing self-confidence, and growing educationally, while receiving experiential opportunities through career exploration.

A. Option Three, also known as the serving school, agrees to:

1. Follow the Milligan and Futures calendar, prepared in accordance with all regulations in the Illinois School Code relating to the school calendar.
2. Expect this student to attend school every day, for the duration of the cohort, or provide a valid excuse. Option Three staff will enforce the truancy laws when applicable.
3. Establish a cohort of students, not to exceed 15.
4. Utilize a SEL assessment to determine program design.
5. Ensure that students demonstrate progress toward program completion.

6. Keep complete records of the student's progress and report regularly back to the home school the success/failure of the student and re-enroll the student for the next cohort if necessary.
7. Provide a comprehensive educational program subject to the statutory and regulatory graduation minimums required in the School Code of Illinois and in 23 Illinois Administrative Code.
8. Provide transportation to and from program as needed.

B. The District, also known as the home school, agrees to:

1. Refer only students who can be considered at risk of chronic truancy.
2. Audit credits of referred students to determine a program of study.
3. Plan with the student, parent, a representative from Option Three, and a representative of the home school an Individual Optional Educational Plan (IOEP) and achievement schedule, which if successfully completed by the student, will result in the awarding credit toward graduation by the home school.
4. Allow the Regional Office of Education to enroll and claim this student for the purpose of collecting state funding. Pay tuition at a rate of \$25.00 per day of enrollment to be billed at the end of each quarter.
5. Option Three is a voluntary alternative program. Placement must be accepted by the student, parent/guardian, home school, and the Regional Office of Education.
6. When the student returns to his/her home school, the local will accept the credit at full value.